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14 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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16 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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18 To recognize the week of June 6-14, 2020, as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in
19 the District of Columbia.

20 WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most productive estuary in the
21 United States, with its watershed spanning six states and the District of Columbia;
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23 WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay watershed, covering 64,000 square miles, is an
24 extraordinary and vital natural resource, with some of the nation's most productive farm
25 and forest lands;
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27 WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay is fed by 50 major tributaries, including the
28 Potomac, Susquehanna, Rappahannock, York, and James Rivers, and stretches 200 miles
29 from Havre de Grace, Maryland, to Norfolk, Virginia;
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31 WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay watershed is home to more than 18 million
32 people, many of whom rely upon the watershed's natural resources for their livelihood
33 and recreational activities;
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35 WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay is an important source of food for the District of
36 Columbia and the east coast of the United States, producing more than 500 million
37 pounds of seafood harvest each year and home to more than 83,000 farms;

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39 WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay's tributaries are an important source of drinking
40 water, which is essential for public health and economic growth and a vital resource for
41 future generations;

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43 WHEREAS, the rich history, pivotal economic importance, and astounding
44 beauty of the Chesapeake Bay watershed never cease to amaze residents and visitors
45 alike; and

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47 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is in the Potomac Watershed, which is
48 important to the character and quality of life of the community and ultimately the health
49 of the Chesapeake Bay.

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51 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That
52 this resolution may be cited as the "Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week Recognition
53 Resolution of 2020."

54 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes June 6-14, 2020, as
55 Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week to increase awareness of the importance of the
56 Chesapeake Bay watershed in our community.

57 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of
58 publication in the District of Columbia Register.