

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To Honor the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance on the occasion of its 45th Anniversary and to recognize the distinguished citizens to which it will pay tribute at its anniversary reception

WHEREAS, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC (GLAA) was founded in April 1971 to advance the cause of equal rights in the District of Columbia through peaceful participation in the political process; and

WHEREAS, GLAA ranks as the oldest continuously active lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights organization in the country; and

WHEREAS, GLAA has long fought to improve District government services to LGBT people, from the police and fire departments to the Department of Health and the Office of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, GLAA played a key role in winning marriage equality in the District, working with coalition partners and D.C. officials to craft and implement a strategy for achieving a strong, sustainable victory; and

WHEREAS, GLAA has participated in lobbying efforts to defeat undemocratic and discriminatory amendments to the District's budget; and

WHEREAS, GLAA has been an advocate for a safe and affirming educational environment for sexual minority youth; and

WHEREAS, GLAA has educated District voters by rating candidates for Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, GLAA has provided leadership in coalition efforts on a wide range of public issues from family law to human rights, healthcare, youth and seniors, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, GLAA has conducted its advocacy and vigilance for the entire history of D.C. Home Rule; and

WHEREAS, GLAA maintains a comprehensive website of LGBT advocacy materials, as well as the GLAA Forum blog to enhance its outreach; and

WHEREAS, GLAA, at its 45th Anniversary Reception on April 21, 2016, will present its Distinguished Service Awards to individuals who have served the LGBT community in the District of Columbia, specifically:

- June Crenshaw
- Mónica Palacio
- Sterling A. Washington

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this Resolution may be cited as the "Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance 45th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2016."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes GLAA on the occasion of its 45th Anniversary Reception on April 21, 2016 and thanks its members for their long record of dedicated service that has advanced the welfare not only of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community but of the entire population of the District of Columbia.

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