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10 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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14 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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19 To recognize contributions made by the liveboard boating community and declare October 9th,
20 2021 as "Liveboard Boater Day" in the District of Columbia.

21 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia commemorates a rich maritime history by
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23 recognizing the historic liveboard boating community of Southwest Washington;

24 WHEREAS, the Gangplank Marina liveboard community represents an American ideal
25 of diversity and inclusion spanning socioeconomic, ethnicity, age, and lifestyle boundaries;

26 WHEREAS, the Gangplank Marina exemplifies the importance of innovative housing
27 solutions for densely populated areas and is consistent with the DC Department of Housing and
28 Community Development's mission to preserve housing affordability and promote community
29 development;

30 WHEREAS, while other neighborhoods in the District struggle to create and maintain
31 such a convergence, the Southwest Waterfront has been home to residents of Gangplank Marina
32 for over 5 decades;

33 WHEREAS, like any small neighborhood in America, liveboard boaters share important
34 personal events together, look after each other, particularly in times of need, contribute to the

35 community at large, and keep a watchful eye for the safety of visitors to the Washington
36 Channel;

37 WHEREAS, the Gangplank Marina has a long tradition of lending a colorful presence to
38 the waterfront with enriching, artistic events, lending to the unique charm and appeal of the
39 Southwest Waterfront;

40 WHEREAS, the Gangplank Slipholders Association has a rich history of community
41 engagement and service, has donated hours of service to neighborhood churches, community
42 organizations, and water quality non-profits, routinely organizes donations to SWDC Mutual
43 Aid, and leads waterfront cleanup efforts;

44 WHEREAS, liveaboard boaters at Gangplank Marina have organized philanthropic
45 efforts such as raising thousands of dollars in a pandemic relief, and have donated more than
46 \$34,000 in proceeds from the Boat Home Tour to non-profits;

47 WHEREAS, the Gangplank community provides support and promotion for local
48 businesses via organized outings to support local restaurants and via slipholder-led
49 organizations' social media engagement and promotion of small businesses;

50 WHEREAS, the Gangplank Slipholders Association partners with academic and research
51 institutions such as hosting Tulane's Master of Sustainable Real Estate Development students to
52 discuss how small communities are affected by new developments and innovative approaches to
53 sustainable real estate development and urban planning;

54 WHEREAS, liveaboard boaters assisted in drafting the original Green Marina guidelines
55 adopted at Gangplank Marina in 2002, which now serve as a model for environmental efforts in
56 other marinas;

57 WHEREAS, the Washington Channel of the Potomac River is a cleaner body of water
58 each year that liveaboard boaters reside, recreate, and depend upon the river;

59 WHEREAS, a viable liveaboard community is a valuable component of the waterfront
60 revitalization efforts;

61 WHEREAS, Gangplank liveaboard boaters advocate for proper planning of waterway
62 development and use to ensure safe passage of all watercraft in the Washington Channel;

63 WHEREAS, liveaboard boaters enrich, enliven, and help build healthy community
64 marinas across America; and

65 WHEREAS, Gangplank Marina has the largest liveaboard population on the United
66 States East Coast, currently numbering over 135 individuals.

67 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
68 resolution may be cited as the “Liveaboard Boater Day Recognition Resolution of 2021”.

69 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes the contribution to the District of the Gangplank
70 liveaboard boating community and recognizes October 9th, 2021 as “Liveaboard Boater Day” in
71 the District of Columbia.

72 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect upon the first date of publication in the District of
73 Columbia Register.