Proclamation

DC BLACK PRIDE WEEKEND

MAY 22 - 25, 2015

WHEREAS, Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc. will host its 25th Annual DC Black Pride Weekend with this year's theme: "Inspiring a Movement, The Mission Continues"; and

WHEREAS, each year thousands of participants come to participate in this festive event hosted by Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, this annual event continues to be committed to increasing awareness of pride and diversity of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) African-American community, as well as to support organizations that focus on health disparities, education, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, the Black LGBT community is dedicated to ensuring the adequate provision of health care related services for AIDS, eliminating domestic violence, and facilitating foster parenthood and adoption of youth; and

WHEREAS, the Black LGBT community strives to combat all violence directed toward LGBT women and men, thus ensuring that the District of Columbia remains a safe place for everyone regardless of their sexual orientation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF in Washington, D.C. THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim May 22 - 25, 2015, as "DC BLACK PRIDE WEEKEND".

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