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**RESOLUTION REGARDING URGING REJECTION OF FEDERAL ATTEMPTS TO PRECLUDE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA’S DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT AND TO
INFRINGE ON THE 1973 HOME RULE ACT**

July 18, 2017

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia’s citizens, Mayor, City Council, and Advisory Neighborhood Commissions maintains the sole responsibility to administer self-government and to determine matters of public health and welfare, including the responsibility to implement the Death with Dignity Act of 2016 (D.C. Law 21-577); and

WHEREAS, the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution (and other Articles thereunder), coupled with the Home Rule Act of 1973, should be construed as intended to authorize Congress only to protect the security interests of the federal government (and to only preclude the enumerated prohibitions of the DC City Council under the Home Rule Act), and to otherwise not second guess the local government and its citizens of the District of Columbia on local issues; and

WHEREAS, the Death with Dignity Act concerns issues that are best and appropriately resolved locally, rather than by the federal government acting through the President and Congress, as they have been addressed in six states; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal overreach, embedded in the recommended language in the Congressional appropriation act for the District of Columbia’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, including the prohibition of funds in President Trump’s proposal regarding the implementation of the Death with Dignity Act and the proposed repeal of the Death with Dignity Act, is but the latest of Congress’ repeated attempts to void, defund, or preclude actions by the District of Columbia’s home rule government and is in contravention of the United States Constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3F urges

1. That our elected Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, together with our elected Mayor, Council of the District of Columbia, Attorney General, and Statehood delegation should seek defeat of the proposed appropriation language that would prohibit expenditures to implement the Death with Dignity Act or would repeal the Death with Dignity Act; and

2. That Congress not approve the District of Columbia's appropriation act should it include language that repeals the Death with Dignity Act or otherwise prohibits the expenditures of the District of Columbia's revenue to implement the Death with Dignity Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioners Nugent and Dickinson are authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F regarding this matter.

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on July 18, 2017, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of seven (7) in favor, none (0) opposed, and none (0) abstaining.



Malachy Nugent
Chair, ANC 3F