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ANC3C Resolution 2020-Consent
Regarding FY21 Funding Support for the
“Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2018”

WHEREAS D.C. Law 22-179, “Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2018,” was introduced in the Council and assigned Bill No. 22-203 which was referred to the Committee on Education and Committee on Health;

WHEREAS Bill No. 22-203 was adopted on first and second readings on April 10, 2018, and June 26, 2018, respectively, and after mayoral review, was assigned Act No. 22-453 on September 5, 2018, and transmitted to Congress for its review. D.C. Law 22-179 became effective October 30, 2018 - providing the legislative framework for the District to provide comprehensive health and childcare supports to infants, toddlers, parents, and care providers;

WHEREAS ANC-3C acknowledges early childhood experiences, from pregnancy through age three, set a significant foundation for future learning, behavioral development, and health of District children that will enable them to thrive and lead healthy lives;

WHEREAS high-quality and affordable care and education during these critical months / years is vital to the healthy development of children, helps reduce health and education disparities, helps parents remain attached to the workforce, and strengthens the local economy;

WHEREAS early childhood educators, perinatal health professionals, and community service navigators for infants and families need to be fairly compensated for the vital work they perform that set our youngest residents up for development and success;

WHEREAS compensation for care providers need to commensurate with the credentials and degrees they hold, which should lead to a larger, more stable, and more highly skilled workforce through improved retention within the field;

WHEREAS solutions are needed to address the District’s high preterm birth rates, infant mortality rates, maternal morbidity and mortality rates, child and family poverty rates, and educational achievement gaps;

WHEREAS “Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2018 builds upon the District’s efforts to improve early childhood education, maternal health, and family economic stability outcomes through various initiatives such as universal pre-kindergarten, paid family and medical leave, as well as the maternal mortality review commission;

WHEREAS “Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2018 supports pre- and perinatal health for babies and parents by connecting families with home visiting services, embedding

infant development and parenting resource specialists (*directly within pediatrician offices*), and increasing breastfeeding resources;

WHEREAS the District's investment in education, health, and wellbeing of infants and toddlers as well as their support networks can yield life-changing benefits for the District at-large and its families;

WHEREAS these investments will advance economic, health, and educational equity for children, especially low-income children of color, that will be felt for years to come;

WHEREAS for FY20, the full funding request was \$40 million - and Mayor Muriel Bowser and the Council of the District of Columbia funded \$15.864 million for the "Birth-to-Three for All DC Act of 2018," and monies were allocated as follows:

- Home Visiting for Early Head Start - \$4,036,951
- Cost of Care and Teacher Salary Scale Study - \$1,898,065
- Subsidy Reimbursement Rate for Cost of Care - \$7,400,000
- Healthy Futures - \$1,526,000
- Healthy Steps (*funding 2 new sites*) - \$600,000
- Lactation Professional - \$323,000
- Help Me Grow - \$80,000

WHEREAS a \$40 million investment (*full funding*) for FY21 will **A**) increase the quality of early childhood education through the District's child care subsidy program; and **B**) increase compensation for early childhood educators doing critical and highly skilled work to support a child's development and to enable parents to continue working.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC-3C supports full funding for FY21 and the continued implementation of the "Birth-to-Three for All DC Act of 2018," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC-3C also calls upon Mayor Muriel Bowser and the Council of the District of Columbia to support full funding for FY21 for the continued implementation of the "Birth-to-Three for All DC Amendment Act of 2018;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, Commissioner for 3C01, and/or their designee(s) are authorized to represent ANC3C on this matter.

Attested by



Nancy J. MacWood
Chair, on February 19, 2019

This resolution was approved by a voice vote of the consent agenda items on February 19, 2020 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.