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RESOLUTION NO. 178 - 2017

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sharon Jeon to the Human Rights Commission.

Introduced and read first time on Color Lessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Color Lessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

By order Lessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted, Adopted with amendments, Failed, Withdrawn by the County Council on Lessica, 2017.

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; <u>Underlining</u> indicates material added by amendment.

Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

1	WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard
2	County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm
3	nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and
4	WHEREAS, Sections 6.326 and 12.202 of the Howard County Code provide for a Human
5	Rights Commission in Howard County; and
6	WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Sharon Jeon as a
7	member of the Human Rights Commission; and
8	WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and
9	confidence in the abilities of the nominee.
10	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County,
11	Maryland this day of
12	member of the Human Rights Commission to serve from the passage of this Resolution to June
13	30, 2018 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:
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14	Sharon Jeon
15	Elkridge, Maryland

Sharon Jeon

Name: Sharon Jeon

School: Long Reach High School

Grade: 11

I would be honored to be part of the Human Rights Commission, because I can bring a unique contribution to the ongoing discussions on equality and equity. Against my desire to treat everyone equally, I came to realize that all forms of discrimination and favoritism comes from bias, and that I amlike all of us--a biased person. Thus, I work every day to catch my bias and work against it. A few months ago, I received a National Honorable Mention in the 2017 C-Span StudentCam Documentary contest. The theme addressed the most urgent issue for Congress and the President. My answer? Implicit bias in schools. Through the process of making my documentary, I met professionals in areas of education and cultural proficiency and deepened my understanding of how important it is to be conscious of personal and societal bias. I then received the humbling invitation to share my documentary and experience at the Howard County Principal's meeting and I also had the great pleasure to be part of the StudentVoice panel at the 2017 Maryland Multicultural Conference, where I presented a workshop titled: Eradicating Implicit Bias to Improve Equity In Education. I spoke about the first step after realizing our biases is recognizing microaggressions and the damaging effects they have on people. Through the short span of one year, I was able to meet peers, teachers, parents, community, and leaders to have discussions on the importance of treating people as human beings. Despite differences in age, race, religion, sexual orientations, or social status, we are all human and deserve dignity and equity. As the Student Commissioner of the Howard County Human Rights Commission, I will further advocate the need to fulfill our duty, mission, and vision of the Human Rights Commission. I am grateful for your consideration.