



District of Columbia Statehood Congressional Delegation

Office of US Representative (Shadow) Franklin Garcia

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

AFGHAN ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL DAY RESOLUTION OF 2015

To recognize October 4, 2015, the Afghan Arts and Culture Festival Day, and to honor this occasion and the role of Afghan nationals for their economic vitality, development, diversity and rich cultural contributions in the nation's capital, and around the D.C. Metropolitan Area.

WHEREAS, Afghan Americans arrived to the US in heavy populations between the 1920's and 1930s and over 20,000 Afghan-Americans currently reside in the Northern Virginia community, with other flourishing communities in New York, Georgia, Oregon, Texas, and California.

WHEREAS, the Afghan Arts and Culture Festival Day, going on its 6th year, has become the largest Afghan-American event in the DC metropolitan area with over 3,500 attendees.

WHEREAS, the Afghan Arts and Culture Festival Day seeks to unite all kinds of communities in our area by exposing the Afghan culture, folk, cuisine, arts and more, which are part of their heritage and ours.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia welcomes, encourages, promotes and facilitates broad and inclusive civic participation and cultural diversity.

RESOLVED, BY THE OFFICE OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (SHADOW) FRANKLIN GARCIA, that this resolution may be cited as "The Afghan Arts and Culture Festival Day Resolution of 2015."

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its public proclamation.

Representative Franklin Garcia