

**WHEREAS,** the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce has been and continues to be the voice of business in Montgomery County and the region for 60 years, with a membership base representing a cross-section of businesses, and with industry diversity amongst its board of directors; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2017, the Montgomery County Chamber Foundation celebrated the graduation of its 1,000th graduate from the Veteran Institute for Procurement, a national program headquartered in Montgomery County that trains service-disabled and veteran-owned small businesses on how to succeed in the federal government marketplace; and

**WHEREAS,** as a Montgomery County Green Certified Business itself, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and Montgomery College to establish a Green Business Certification Program, and holds Green Business forums throughout the year to expand marketplace knowledge; and

**WHEREAS,** the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce has been chartered for 45 years to convene an Annual Public Safety Awards Luncheon, which is the largest valor event of its kind in the Washington metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to the signature annual events and monthly membership events hosted by the Chamber, the organization is entering its 15th year of hosting the GovConNet Pathway to Growth Procurement Conference—an impactful regional procurement conference for small businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, hereby celebrates the

**60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Council recognizes the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce as the voice of Montgomery County's business community and wishes the Chamber all the best as they celebrate their anniversary.

Presented on this 5th day of February in the year 2019.

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Andrew Friedson  
Councilmember

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Council President