

RESOLUTION NO. RS2019-_____

A resolution honoring the work and legacy of Frida Kahlo on the 112th anniversary of her birth.

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2019, Plaza Mariachi will unveil a mural by José Gaspar Vera González celebrating the life and legacy of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo; and

WHEREAS, Magdalena Carmen Frida Kahlo y Calderón, commonly referred to as simply "Frida", was born on July 6, 1907 to a German father and Mexican mother. She was born and raised in Mexico where she was surrounded by indigenous culture and heritage; and

WHEREAS, she contracted polio at the age of six and at age eighteen suffered lifelong injuries due to a horrific bus crash. These experiences led her back to her childhood hobby of painting, which became her passion; and

WHEREAS, Frida commonly painted self-portraits, in which she was wearing Tehuantepec-style garb, such as huipiles, which were the traditional blouses of her mother's native region of Oaxaca, Mexico. These were more than simply fashion choices, they allowed her to show her support for the matriarchal culture that her mother had come from, and her style still influences the modern design world; and

WHEREAS, Frida's artwork is known for its effective display of both pain and passion, her rich indigenous heritage and culture, and her uncompromising depiction of the female experience and form; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her artwork, Frida fought for social justice and was active in the Mexican Communist Party. Frida has become an important figure in the feminism movement, LGBT movement, and the Chicano movement; and

WHEREAS, Frida is regarded as one of the most significant artists of the twentieth century. Her art is timeless, her style is celebrated all around the world, and her boldness and bravery has inspired countless people across the world. The Plaza Mariachi mural will celebrate the work and honor the memory of this talented artist on the 112th anniversary of her birth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

SECTION 1. That the Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as honoring Frida Kahlo on the 112th anniversary of her birth.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

SPONSORED BY:

Jeremy Elrod

Fabian Bedne
Members of Council