



*Congratulations*  
*North Washington Neighbors, Inc.*

November 12, 2008

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**WHEREAS**, North Washington Neighbors, Incorporated, known to all as "Neighbors, Inc." is celebrating 50 years since its founding as an organization dedicated to stabilizing neighborhoods during a turbulent time; and

**WHEREAS**, as neighborhoods in other parts of the District experienced "white flight" and "block busting" by unscrupulous realtors in the late 1950s and early 1960s, Neighbors, Inc. was created by District residents who wanted their neighborhoods to welcome the diversity of Washington, DC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ward 4 neighborhoods in which Neighbors, Inc. got its start -north of Ingraham Street and east of Rock Creek Park- came to be known as the most racially integrated neighborhoods in the District of Columbia; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of Neighbors, Inc. and all those who participated in the organization over the past 50 years demonstrate that those who work together can achieve greatness:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby congratulate Neighbors, Inc. for its dedication to enhancing the quality of life for others, and I support your efforts to secure full voting rights for District residents in the Congress of the United States.

Adrian M. Fenty  
Mayor, District of Columbia

