

# Proclamation



## OMBUDS DAY

OCTOBER 8, 2020

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section recognizes the second Thursday of October as Ombuds Day; and

WHEREAS, ombuds are designated government officials who are confidential, impartial, and independent conflict management professionals who work to address and resolve individual and systemic issues; and

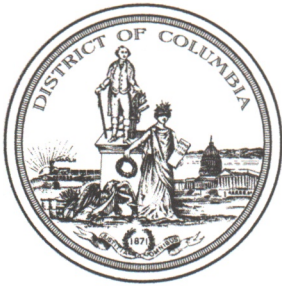
WHEREAS, ombuds are uniquely qualified to serve as a conduit for change through their ability to bring significant or controversial issues to management's attention in a safe and confidential way; and

WHEREAS, ombuds programs provide a valuable form of alternative dispute resolutions, add significant value to the constituents and institutions they serve, and are an essential supplement to formal conflict management; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate Ombuds Day and honor the vital work ombuds perform, virtual events will be held on October 8 throughout the day; and

WHEREAS, these virtual events are an opportunity to network with professionals that are working in, considering working in, or who are curious about ombuds-related roles and services, including conflict resolution, mediation, and alternative dispute resolution, or who are considering establishing an ombuds program as part of their organization or institution:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2020, in Washington, DC as "OMBUDS DAY."



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser", written over a horizontal line.