PUBLICATION COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DAY

MARCH 15, 2013

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia (PUC) was established by an Act of Congress on March 4, 1913 after President William Howard Taft signed into law the District of Columbia Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorized the PUC to require utilities to "furnish service and facilities reasonably safe and adequate" to ensure that any charges were reasonable, just and nondiscriminatory; and it initially had jurisdiction over electric, gas and telephone companies, including mass transit such as street cars, buses, and public motor vehicles such as taxicab companies; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, PUC changed to Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (PSC) and in 1974, the Home Rule Act affirmed the PSC as an independent charter agency; and

WHEREAS, since this agency's inception, 68 men and women have served as Commissioners and throughout its 100 year history, the PSC has served the public interest by ensuring safe, reliable and quality utility services for District consumers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2013, as "PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DAY" in Washington, D.C. and call upon all the residents of this great city to commend this agency for 100 years of public service.

Vincent C. Gray