

# Proclamation



## PATHWAY TO NEUROSURGERY WEEK

SEPTEMBER 7-13, 2023

WHEREAS, our nation has a long history of health disparities and healthcare inequities among racial and ethnic minority groups; and

WHEREAS, diversity, equity, and inclusion within medical professions foster innovations in patient care that can improve patient outcomes and reduce minority health disparities; and

WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and U.S. women are significantly underrepresented in neurosurgery, the medical field dedicated to the diagnosis, treatment, and surgical management of nervous system disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion in order to attract and retain the best and brightest from all demographics; and

WHEREAS, CNS's Pathway to Neurosurgery program seeks to empower individuals from underrepresented communities to pursue and succeed at careers in neurosurgery; and

WHEREAS, during its 2023 annual meeting, CNS will present an immersive neurosurgery experience at E.L. Haynes Public Charter School and offer students opportunities to apply for scholarships:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim September 7-13, 2023, as "PATHWAY TO NEUROSURGERY WEEK" in Washington, DC.

