

# Proclamation



## NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS DAY

MAY 9, 2015

WHEREAS, today is set aside to recognize Nannie Helen Burroughs for her many contributions to our nation as an educator, civil rights advocate and religious leader; and

WHEREAS, Nannie Helen Burroughs graduated from M Street School which is now Dunbar Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1900 she gave a speech at the National Baptist Convention which led to the establishment of the Women's Convention at the National Baptist Convention, where she held the position of secretary, then later was elected President and served until her death in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Nannie Helen Burroughs was founder and served as principle of the National Training School for Negro Women and Girls in the Deanwood area of this city. The school was later renamed the Nannie Helen Burroughs School which remained in operation until 2013; and

WHEREAS, during her lifetime, Nannie Helen Burroughs made contributions not only to this city but across the nation to include: establishing a Negro women's industrial club in Louisville, Kentucky; served as a keynote speaker at the first Baptist World Alliance Congress in London, England; establishing Women's Day at Nineteenth Street Baptist Church; and she was a primary force in establishing the Frederick Douglass House Museum:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2015 in Washington, D.C. as "NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS DAY" and call upon all the residents of this great city to pay tribute to this distinguished individual for her contributions that have helped to enhance the quality of life of others.

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

