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Chairman Phil Mendelson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to provide protections to Districts residents and businesses, expand the authority of the Mayor, and ensure continuity of government during the current public health emergency.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Coronavirus Support Second Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. (a) The purpose of the underlying emergency measure is to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of District residents and for support to businesses during the coronavirus public health emergency; and for other purposes. This second congressional review emergency act is identical to the temporary act as adopted.

(b) Bill 23-757, the “Coronavirus Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2020” was adopted by the Council on May 19, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-326) and expired on June 9, 2020. Bill 23-759, the “Coronavirus Support Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2020” was adopted by the Council at the same meeting (D.C. Act 23-328) and will expire on September 6, 2020.

(c) Bill 23-776, the “Coronavirus Support Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2020,” amending Bill 23-759, was adopted by the Council on June 9, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-328). Bill 23-758, the temporary version of the underlying emergency act, as amended by D.C. Act 23-328, was adopted on second reading by the Council on June 9, 2020.

(d) However, the temporary act has not yet completed its 30-day congressional review period. A second congressional review emergency act is necessary to prevent a gap in the law given that the Council will not meet again until September.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Coronavirus Support Second Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.