

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to the need to extend the Mayor’s authority to declare a public health emergency.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Public Health Emergency Authority Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. (a) On March 11, 2020, the Mayor of the District of Columbia issued Mayor’s Order 2020-45, 2020-46, declaring a public emergency and a public health emergency in the District due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed by the spread of COVID-19, and on April 17, 2020, Mayor’s Order 2020-63 extending the state of emergency and public health emergency. The Mayor’s 135 days of authority to declare a public health emergency currently expires on July 24, 2020.

(b) On July 7, 2020, the Council adopted emergency legislation to extend the Mayor’s authority to continue the public health emergency through October 9, 2020.

37 (c) To continue to limit certain activities that would otherwise contribute to the spread of
38 COVID-19, it is necessary to extend the Mayor's authority to continue the public health
39 emergency through December 31, 2020, affording the Council the time needed to reevaluate a
40 number of policies triggered by the public health emergency contained in D.C. Act 23-405, the
41 Coronavirus Support Second Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020.

42 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in
43 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Public Health
44 Emergency Authority Extension Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

45 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.