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Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

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 with respect to the need to amend an Act to Provide for Voluntary Apprenticeship in the District of Columbia and the Amendments to an Act to Provide for Voluntary Apprenticeship in the District of Columbia Act of 1978 to make technical and conforming amendments to allow the District of Columbia to continue to be recognized by the US Department of Labor to operate as a State Apprenticeship Agency pursuant to Title 29 CFR, part 29.13.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Apprenticeship Modernization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) The District of Columbia is currently recognized by the US Department of Labor to operate as a State Apprenticeship Agency pursuant to Title 29 CFR, part 29.13, and has been since 1946.

(b) Beginning in 2008 the US Department of Labor began the process of updating the Federal rules governing Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration, and Amendment of Regulations.

35 (c) To conform to the new regulations, for Federal purposes, each State Apprenticeship  
36 Agency must update its existing apprenticeship regulations and underlying statutes for continued  
37 recognition as an apprenticeship registration agency.

38 (d) The District of Columbia through its Office of Apprenticeship Information and  
39 Training within the Department of Employment Services has worked closely with the US  
40 Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, to draft mutually agreeable changes the  
41 District's apprenticeship regulations and underlying statutes.

42 (e) The US Department of Labor has indicated by letter that once the drafted changes are  
43 enacted, the District will retain its more than 60 years of recognition as a State Apprenticeship  
44 Agency.

45 (f) The present action, amending the apprenticeship law, is necessary in order to move  
46 forward with conforming the local apprenticeship regulations with the Federal standards.

47 (g) The US Department of Labor has indicated its preference for immediate action so  
48 that all current and new apprenticeship programs approved by the jurisdiction are in compliance  
49 with the new Federal standards.

50 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
51 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
52 "Apprenticeship Modernization Emergency Amendment Act of 2014" be adopted after a single  
53 reading.

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