

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Support Act of 2014, to extend the deadline for the University of the District of Columbia to raise \$1 million in private donations for the purpose of meeting accreditation standards.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “UDC Fundraising Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014.”

Sec. 2. (a) The University of the District of Columbia (“UDC”) is undergoing the reaccreditation process necessary to maintain its status as an accredited institution of higher education. UDC has identified budgetary challenges that could impede its meeting the requirements of the regional higher education accrediting body and is therefore raising private donations to address those needs.

(b) Section 7512 of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Support Act of 2014; enacted September 23, 2014 (D.C. Act 20-424; 61 DCR 9990), established a matching fund that supports and incentivizes UDC to raise private donations towards meeting accreditation standards. The fund

1 authorizes a match from the District to private funds raised by January 1, 2015 in an amount up
2 to \$1 million.

3 (c) This emergency legislation would extend the deadline for UDC to raise funds from
4 January 1, 2015 to April 10, 2015, giving UDC approximately three additional months to raise
5 private funds in order to meet its accreditation goals.

6 (d) This legislation is helpful to the District's only public university. It is necessary for
7 the Council to act now, before the January 1st deadline.

8 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
9 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
10 University of the District of Columbia Fundraising Matching Deadline Extension Emergency
11 Act of 2014 is adopted after a single reading.

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