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6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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15 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to naming the alley in Square 2851 that  
16 runs between Irving Street, N.W. and Columbia Road, N.W. and 11th Street N.W. and  
17 Sherman Avenue, N.W.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
20 act may be cited as the “Williams Alley Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2017”.

21 Sec. 2.

22 (a) There exists an immediate need to name the alley in Square 2851 that runs  
23 between Irving Street, N.W. and Columbia Road, N.W. and 11th Street N.W. and Sherman  
24 Avenue, N.W.

25 (b) The Board of Zoning Adjustment has already approved division of one of the lots  
26 adjacent to the unnamed alley into three smaller lots, one facing the main street and two facing  
27 the unnamed alley.

28 (c) The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs cannot issue building  
29 permits for properties without an address, and an address cannot be designated on an unnamed  
30 alley. Accordingly, the owner of the two lots facing the alley cannot proceed with development  
31 unless the Council acts to designate the alley with an official name.

32 (d) In 2016, the Council passed Bill 21-421 designating the alley as “Theodore “Ted”  
33 Williams Alley.” However, Bill 21-421 did not specify the designation as an official naming, as  
34 the initiators intended. Additionally, the original proposed name created practical difficulties for  
35 installation, including the long length of the name and use of quotation marks. As a result, the  
36 development in Square 2851 could not proceed without an official name.

37           (e)     Bill 22-3, the “Williams Alley Designation Act of 2017” is currently under review  
38 by the Council. However, in order to avoid extension of the already long delay in naming this  
39 alley and to permit development of the two properties on the alley, it is necessary to give the  
40 alley a name as soon as possible.

41           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated  
42 in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Williams Alley  
43 Designation, Emergency Act of 2017” be adopted after a single reading.

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