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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 amend the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 to align minimum qualifications for the position of Inspector General with federal standards.

RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Inspector General Qualifications Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2015”.

Sec. 2. (a) The position of Inspector General, who serves in an independent role to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse, is vital to the efficient and effective operation of the District government.

(b) In 2014, the Council enacted legislation to amend the requisite qualifications for the position of Inspector General to reflect best practices criteria generally adhered to nationally to enable the District to obtain the most highly accomplished candidate for the position.

(c) The Inspector General Qualifications Emergency Amendment Act of 2014, effective November 6, 2014 (D.C. Act 20-464; 61 DCR 11828) (“emergency legislation”), will expire on February 4, 2015.

(d) The Inspector General Qualifications Temporary Amendment Act of 2014, signed by the Mayor on December 8, 2014 (D.C. Act 20-505; 61 DCR 12711) (“temporary legislation”), and the Inspector General Qualifications Amendment Act of 2014, signed by the Mayor on January 6, 2015 (D.C. Act 20-562; 62 DCR 489) (“permanent legislation”), must both complete the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and will not become law until after the expiration of the emergency legislation.

(e) The temporary legislation is projected to become law on March 7, 2015. The permanent legislation does not yet have a projected law date.

(f) It is important that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is law.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Inspector General Qualifications Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2015 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.