

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 “Coronavirus Public Health Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021.”

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. Additional orders have since been issued. It is clear that in order to continue to protect public health, the Mayor must continue the public health emergency for the foreseeable future.

(b) The Mayor’s current authority to declare a public health emergency expires on May 20, 2021. To continue to limit the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to extend the Mayor’s authority to continue the public health emergency through July 15, 2021.

33           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in  
34 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Coronavirus Public  
35 Health Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

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