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Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve the Local Food Access Grants Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 to authorize the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to issue grants and loans to support the equitable distribution of food businesses across the District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Local Food Access Grants Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. (a) On June 15, 2021, the Council approved the Fiscal Year 2021 Revised Local Budget Advance School Payment Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 (B23-0277) which adjusted, on an emergency basis, certain allocations in the Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020 to maintain a balanced budget for the fiscal year ending in September 30, 2021.

(b) Included in B23-0277 is \$23,647,315 in local funds to the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development.

32 (c) These funds will be used to support grants and loans to support the equitable
33 distribution of food businesses across the District, specifically in Wards 7 and 8 and other areas
34 that have traditionally lacked access to food businesses.

35 (d) The Mayor included a subtitle in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Support Act of 2021
36 that, if approved, will authorize the Deputy Mayor for planning and economic development to
37 issue grants and loans for this purpose.

38 (e) The Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Support Act will not be approved by the Council until
39 well after the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development receives this FY21
40 funding, and therefore emergency action is necessary so that the Deputy Mayor can timely issue
41 grants and loans for this purpose in FY21.

42 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
43 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Local
44 Food Access Grants Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

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