

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 “Public Health Emergency Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022.”

Sec. 2. (a) On January 11, 2022, the Mayor of the District of Columbia issued Mayor’s Order 2022-008, declaring a public health emergency in the District related to healthcare capacity as a result of the rise in new cases and visits to emergency rooms, continuing deaths from COVID-19, and staffing shortages at medical facilities due in part to staff being out with COVID-19. To ensure that the District and our healthcare partners can continue to respond expeditiously and safely to COVID-19 and its ongoing and changing impacts protect public the Mayor must have the authority to continue the public health emergency.

(b) The Mayor’s current authority to maintain the public emergency expires on January 26, 2022. To continue to ensure that there is sufficient healthcare capacity, it is necessary to extend the Mayor’s authority until March 17, 2022.

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

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