

A RESOLUTION

25-269

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to continue authorization for eligibility requirements and supports provided by the Office of Migrant Services and for immigrant residents accessing homeless services.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Migrant Services and Supports Extension Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) An unprecedented influx of migrants, totaling over 10,000 individuals, have arrived in Washington, DC from Texas and Arizona on over 300 buses since October 6, 2022.

(b) The challenges faced by these migrants necessitate immediate attention and comprehensive support that extends beyond the capabilities of our esteemed non-governmental organization partners alone, who have expressed limitations in terms of staffing, resources, and logistics.

(c) To address the needs, the Council enacted the Migrant Services and Supports Temporary Act of 2022 on October 4, 2022, which expired on August 3, 2023.

(d) On September 19, 2023, the Council passed, at second reading, a subsequent temporary measure, the Migrant Services and Supports Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023.

(e) The Migrant Services and Supports Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023 was accompanied by the Migrant Services and Supports Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, which expires October 29, 2023.

(f) Given the pending Mayoral review and the 30-day congressional review of the Migrant Services and Supports Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, coupled with the impending expiration of the prior emergency October 29, 2023, it is crucial to enact this emergency measure to ensure there is no disruption in the provision of services and support to migrants transported to the District.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Migrant Services and Supports Extension Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 should be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.