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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to establish migrant services and supports to aid newcomers in settling in the District, obtaining healthcare and identification documentations, and accessing emergency shelter services.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Migrant Services and Supports Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) An unprecedented influx of migrants entered the District over the last three years, including on buses from Texas and Arizona.

(b) The challenges faced by these migrants necessitate continued attention and comprehensive support beyond the capabilities of non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) partners alone.

(c) To address these needs, the Council enacted the Migrant Services and Supports Temporary Act of 2022 on October 4, 2022 and similar subsequent legislation.

(d) The Office of Migrant Services (OMS) continues to provide a range of vital services to support migrants and any abrupt discontinuation of these services will lead to significant harm to migrants and District residents.

35 (e) The Council clarified the eligibility, procedural protections, and support services for
36 migrants in the Migrant Services Eligibility Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023,
37 passed on second reading on May 2, 2023.

38 (f) The most recent authorization of migrant services, the Migrant Services and Supports
39 Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, will expire on July 10, 2024.

40 (g) The authorization of migrant services must be continued to provide necessary
41 assistance and aid to migrants who have been forced to seek refuge within our borders, while
42 concurrently preserving the programs and resources essential for the welfare of existing District
43 residents.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
45 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
46 Migrant Services and Supports Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 should be
47 adopted after a single reading.

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