

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Establishment of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Act of 2000 to require the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to investigate all maternal mortalities occurring in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Investigating Maternal Mortalities Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 8, 2019, the Council passed the Investigating Maternal Mortalities Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 (“emergency act”), effective October 23, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-137; 66 DCR 14311), which expired on January 21, 2020. This emergency legislation required the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to investigate all types of maternal mortalities occurring in the District.

(b) On October 22, 2019, the Council passed the Investigating Maternal Mortalities Temporary Amendment Act of 2019 (“temporary act”), effective January 10, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-43; 67 DCR 559), which will expire on August 22, 2020.

32 (c) This emergency legislation is substantively identical to the emergency and temporary
33 acts and will prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the temporary act and the passage
34 of the permanent legislation pending in the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety.

35 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
36 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
37 Investigating Maternal Mortalities Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single
38 reading.

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

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