

Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

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 development agreement for the construction of a new hospital at St. Elizabeths as a contract in excess of \$1 million; to approve the operations agreement for the operation of the hospital as a multiyear contract and contract in excess of \$1 million; to authorize the Mayor to dispose of the hospital and the real property on which the hospital will be located to UHS East End Sub, LLC; to establish a special fund as a startup reserve for the hospital;, and to amend the Health Services Planning Program Re-Establishment Act of 1996 to establish an uncompensated care requirement for the hospital.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “New Hospital an St. Elizabeths Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

See. 2. (a) The District faces significant disparities in health outcomes among its residents, and particularly among residents of Wards 7 and 8.

(b) Mayor Bowser has negotiated agreements with Universal Health Services and its subsidiaries to help transform the District’s health care system and promote equity in care, access, and outcomes through the establishment of a new, state of the art, 136 bed community hospital and ambulatory pavilion on the east campus of St. Elizabeths in Ward 8.

(c) The new hospital will be integrated with the existing George Washington University Hospital with physicians, medical students, and research provided by the George Washington Medical Faculty Associates and George Washington University School of Medicine.

35 (d) In order to move forward with this project, certain of the agreements must be  
36 approved by the Council and certain legislative provisions must be enacted to implement  
37 provisions of the agreements.

38 (e) Without immediate approval of legislation to approve the agreements and the  
39 legislative provisions, construction and operation of the hospital will be unnecessarily delayed,  
40 which in turn will delay important improvements to health care services for District residents.

41 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
42 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the New  
43 Hospital at St. Elizabeths Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

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