

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with the immediate need to prohibit the use of race, ethnicity, or gender to reduce estimations, measures, or calculations of lost earnings or impaired earning capacity in actions for personal injury or death caused by wrongful act, neglect, or default .

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Stormiyah Denson-Jackson Race and Gender Economic Damages Equality Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On May 25, 2020 the view of the treatment of people of color particularly African Americans forever changed. Amidst the COVID-19 crisis the District of Columbia must address the unfair and inequitable treatment of residents.

(b) The untimely deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Michael Brown Ahmaud Arbery, Elijah McClain, Sandra Bland, Tamir Rice, Phillip Coleman, Korryn Gaines and Philando Castille and so many others have brought national attention to the heinous murders rained upon African American citizens by the brutality of those who we entrust with our very lives that they take. Weather it is a public or private actor they need to be held accountable for the crimes and tortious actions they commit against black and brown communities and marginalized communities. It is up to the government to act with urgency to ensure residents who are wrongfully killed or injured are not reduced in value due to race, race, ethnicity, or

32 gender. It is a critical time in our history and it is incumbent upon all of DC to ensure that the
33 equity and inclusion that we demand in life is not comprised upon our death.

34 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
35 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the D.C. to
36 Stormiyah Denson-Jackson Race and Gender Economic Damages Equality Emergency Act of
37 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

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