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9 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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21 To declare the existence of an emergency due to congressional review, with respect to the need  
22 to amend the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978 to make  
23 certain multifamily residential structures eligible for historic homeowner grants.  
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26 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
27 resolution may be cited as the “Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Emergency  
28 Declaration Resolution of 2021.”

29 Sec. 2. (a) A subtitle was included in the Mayor’s proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget  
30 Support Act that would have expanded eligibility for the Historic Homeowner Grant Program to  
31 multifamily buildings. The Committee of the Whole recommended that subtitle be struck to  
32 have the benefit of a hearing before moving forward as permanent legislation.

33 (b) The impetus for the subtitle was apparently an immediate need for an historic  
34 common interest community located in the Meridian Hill and Mount Pleasant Historic Districts.

35 (c) The multifamily property has historic features that are in immediate need of repair  
36 because historically significant elements of the outside of the building are deteriorating and the  
37 common interest community owners cannot afford the needed repairs.

38 (d) Without this legislation, the Historic Preservation Office may need to approve the  
39 removal of the deteriorating exterior features – which would have a negative impact on historic  
40 preservation.

41 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in  
42 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Targeted Historic  
43 Preservation Assistance Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

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