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6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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15 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve the Deputy Mayor  
16 for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification  
17 Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 to make technical amendments to the Deputy Mayor  
18 for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012  
19 to allow for the timely issuance of grants under the program.  
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
22 resolution may be cited as the “Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited  
23 Grant-Making Authority Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

24 Sec. 2. (a) As part of the Fiscal year 2022 Budget Support Act of 2021 (D.C. Law 24-  
25 0045), the Council of the District of Columbia established the Small Business Rent Relief  
26 Program to provide grants to small businesses that have experienced economic hardship due to  
27 the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

28 (b) The Council included \$40 million in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and  
29 Economic Development’s Fiscal Year 2022 budget to support the program.

30 (c) In order to timely disburse grants under this program in the new year, certain technical  
31 changes to the establishing legislation are necessary to ensure that the program is effectively and  
32 efficiently administered, including increasing the amount of funds allocated for administrative  
33 expenses and other conforming amendments.

34 (e) Emergency action is necessary so that the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic  
35 Development can expeditiously issue grants to small businesses that have been hit hardest by the  
36 pandemic.

37 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
38 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Deputy  
39 Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification  
40 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

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