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Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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16 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve the Deputy Mayor  
17 for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification  
18 Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 to make technical amendments to the Deputy Mayor  
19 for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012  
20 to allow for the timely issuance of grants under the program.  
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22 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
23 resolution may be cited as the “Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited  
24 Grant-Making Authority Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

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

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

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

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

38           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
39 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Deputy  
40 Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Clarification  
41 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

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