

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to the need to amend Chapter 22 of Title 5-A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to continue the waiver of the 100-hour community service graduation requirement for students graduating from District of Columbia high schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Community Service Graduation Requirement Waiver Regulation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) Chapter 22 of Title 5-A of the District of Columbia Municipal establishes requirements for high school graduation in the District of Columbia. These requirements include the satisfactory completion of 100 hours of volunteer community service.

(b) In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council adopted the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, effective June 24, 2021 (D.C. Law 24-9; 68 DCR 4824) (“temporary act”), which waived the community service requirement for a senior who would be eligible to graduate from high school in the District of Columbia in the 2019-20 or 2020-21 school year.

38 (c) The temporary act expired February 4, 2022; however, public health measures
39 necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have continued into the 2021-22 school year,
40 making it challenging for students to meet the 100-hour community service graduation
41 requirement. Accordingly, it is necessary to extend the waiver of the community service
42 graduation requirement for the 2021-22 school year.

43 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in
44 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Community Service
45 Graduation Requirement Waiver Regulation Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single
46 reading.

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