

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to the need to extend the Mayor's authority to declare a public emergency until June 16, 2022.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Public Emergency Second Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022."

Sec. 2. (a) On March 11, 2020, the Mayor of the District of Columbia issued Mayor's Order 2020-45, declaring a public emergency in the District due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed by the spread of COVID-19. Additional orders have since been issued and the District has been in a continuous state of public emergency with respect to the virus since March 11, 2020. To protect the public and to ensure that the District is eligible for all possible sources of federal funding that are tied to being in an emergency, the Mayor must continue the public emergency.

(b) The Mayor's current authority to maintain the public emergency expires on April 16, 2022.

(c) On January 16, 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) extended the federal public health emergency (PHE) through April 16, 2022. Though HHS has

not formally extended the federal PHE, the agency stated it will provide states with 60 days' notice prior to any possible termination or expiration in the future.

(d) To continue to limit the spread of COVID-19, and to avail the District of resources needed for recovery from the pandemic, it is necessary to extend the Mayor's authority until June 16, 2022.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Public Health Emergency Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.