

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 Title 47 of the District of Columbia Code to increase the tax rate on certain gross receipts, the revenue from which is dedicated to the Washington Convention and Sports Authority, for a specified period to provide support for the recovery of tourism in the District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That  
this resolution may be cited as the “Tourism Recovery Tax Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) Emergency legislation is necessary to assist the District of Columbia hospitality industry recover from damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

(b) The District experienced a 54% loss in visitors (11.3 million), a 54% loss in visitor spending (\$4.5 billion), and a loss of 48% of tourism jobs (37,366) due to the pandemic.

(c) Convention and visitor bureaus of competitor cities are implementing intensive recovery marketing programs with budgets significantly higher than the budget of Destination DC.

(d) To expeditiously effectuate the implementation of marketing and promotion programs administered by Destination DC, it is necessary to levy a temporary tax, for a period of 4 years, on certain gross receipts, the revenue of which is dedication to the Washington

35 Convention and Sports Authority for transfer to Destination DC, to aid in the recovery of the  
36 District's hospitality industry and for the District to remain competitive with its competitor cities  
37 and other tourism destinations.

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  
40 Tourism Recovery Tax Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

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