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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend Appendix N of Title 12-A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations by ratifying and adopting certain sign regulations previously issued by the Chairperson of the Construction Codes Coordinating Board, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, and the City Administrator, amend An Act To regulate the erection, hanging, placing, painting, display, and maintenance of outdoor signs and other forms of exterior advertising within the District of Columbia, the Construction Codes Approval and Amendments Act of 1986, and the Sign Regulation Authorization Amendment Act of 2012 to clarify the rulemaking process for sign regulations, and clarify the prohibition on off-premises advertising in Appendix N of Title 12-A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sign Regulations Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 18, 2022, the Council unanimously approved the “Sign Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2022.” The Emergency Act became law on November 2, 2022, and is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2023.

(b) On November 1, 2022, the Council unanimously approved the “Signs Regulations Temporary Amendment Act of 2022.” The Temporary Act is in the process of being transmitted

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35 to Congress in light of the recent protracted vote for Speaker of the House of Representatives,
36 and there is no projected law date at this point.

37 (c) In order to address the imminent gap in the law between the expiration of the
38 Emergency Act and the effective date of the Temporary Act, it is necessary to approve
39 congressional review emergency legislation.

40 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
41 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Sign
42 Regulation Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 be adopted after a single
43 reading.

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