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8 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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13 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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18 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Migrant Services
19 and Supports Temporary Act to clarify eligibility requirements and supports provided by
20 the Office of Migrant Services and for immigrant residents accessing homeless services.
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22 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
23 resolution may be cited as the “Migrant Services Eligibility Clarification Emergency Declaration
24 Resolution of 2023”.

25 Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to clarify services the Mayor is authorized to
26 provide under the Migrant Services and Supports Temporary Act of 2022, passed on 2nd reading
27 on October 4, 2022 (Enrolled version of Bill 24-0991).

28 (b) The Office of Migrant Services has been established under prior legislation and has
29 begun providing an array of services to migrants entering the District.

30 (c) The experience of providing those services, however, has demonstrated the need to
31 clarify the scope of services provided and the eligibility and termination criteria for those
32 services and supports, and to provide adequate notice to individuals of the denial or termination
33 of services.

34 (d) In addition, clarity is required to ensure that persons seeking shelter are not denied
35 access to shelter in both the migrant services and homeless services systems.

36 (e) Finally, this emergency measure is also necessary to rectify a drafting error in the
37 original bill which has unintentionally expansive impacts on the ability of some individuals to
38 receive services they would otherwise be entitled to.

39 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
40 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
41 Migrant Services Eligibility Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 should be
42 adopted after a single reading.

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