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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 provide an option of relief to
19 Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (FRSP) participants who are exited from the
20 program without having been approved for permanent housing and who have shown good
21 cause.

22 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
23 resolution may be cited as the “Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Emergency
24 Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

25 Sec. 2. (a) Recent data from the Department of Human Services (DHS) reveals that
26 approximately 207 participants of the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (FRSP) are
27 anticipated to be exited from the program between August 2023 and February 2024 without
28 being matched to housing resources.

29 (b) According to DHS regulations, FRSP participants have the option to request an
30 extension in the program by providing a written explanation of their need for additional
31 assistance beyond the standard 12 months.

32 (c) To qualify for an extension, DHS conducts a comprehensive review and requires the
33 participant to demonstrate sincere efforts towards their goals and an inability to maintain housing
34 stability independently.

35 (d) Legislation codifying existing DHS regulations is necessary to ensure that the Council
36 has adequate time to work towards a comprehensive solution for FRSP participants who leave
37 the program without the necessary support to prevent homelessness.

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 Family
40 Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 should be
41 adopted after a single reading.

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