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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 hours of operation, sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages for on-premises retailers, manufacturers holding an on-site sales and consumption permit, and temporary license holders for the 2023 World Culture Festival and the All Night and Dine All Night events, to allow and establish indoor and outdoor entertainment hours for businesses that register with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for the Art All Night and Dine All Night events, and to allow non-alcohol licensees that hold a valid certificate of occupancy to register with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board to sell, serve, and permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages during the Art All Night and Dine All Night events.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That

this resolution may be cited as the “2023 World Culture Festival, Art All Night, and Dine All Night Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) The World Culture Festival is organized by the Art of Living Foundation, a non-governmental organization accredited by the United Nations in 1996 with the purpose of celebrating culture, diversity, and unity through music and other forms of art.

(b) This year, the District will host the fourth World Culture Festival from September 29, 2023 through October 1, 2023, and become the first US city to host this event. The World Culture Festival was previously hosted by Bangalore, India, New Delhi, India, and Berlin, Germany. The event has attracted a host of attendees to these

36 cities ranging from 70,000 to 3.75 million people. This year, over 250,000 people are  
37 expected to attend the World Culture Festival on the National Mall.

38 (c) The Art All Night event takes place this year on September 29, 2023 and  
39 September 30, 2023. Art All Night allows residents and visitors to enjoy performing and  
40 visual arts throughout the District’s business corridors and view local artists on the center  
41 stage. Art All Night, which is organized by the Department of Small and Local Business  
42 Development (“DSLBD”), has grown since 2011 to over 20 participating neighborhoods  
43 located in all 8 wards with over 180,000 attendees from across the District of Columbia,  
44 Maryland, and Virginia region.

45 (d) In addition, the District will hold the inaugural Dine All Night event from  
46 September 21, 2023 through October 1, 2023. Dine All Night is an all-night dining and  
47 culinary event organized by DSLBD that involves qualifying restaurants and food  
48 establishments. Dine All Night provides residents and visitors with an opportunity to  
49 enjoy the boundless creativity and artistic skills of our local chefs and mixologists.

50 (e) The emergency legislation will allow restaurants, food establishments, and other  
51 businesses to participate in these events and to extend their hours of operation to 24 hours  
52 a day, including offering alcoholic beverages between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00  
53 a.m. for sale, service, and consumption. Businesses participating in Art All Night or  
54 Dine All Night may offer outdoor entertainment until 11 p.m. and indoor entertainment  
55 until 2 a.m. during those dates that they are registered to participate with DSLBD.  
56 Businesses participating in Art All Night or Dine All Night with a valid certificate of  
57 occupancy may sell, serve, and permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages during  
58 those dates that they are registered with DSLBD to participate.

59 (f) The emergency legislation requires licensees and eligible businesses to register  
60 with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration and the Metropolitan Police  
61 Department by September 28, 2023, prior to the start of the World Culture Festival and  
62 Art All Night on September 29, 2023, to allow for the advance planning of staffing and  
63 resources. Consequently, it is necessary for the Council to consider the legislation on an  
64 emergency basis.

65 Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2  
66 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the 2023 World Culture  
67 Festival, Art All Night, and Dine All Night Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 be  
68 adopted after a single reading.

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