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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, due to congressional review with respect to the need to
19 continue authorization for an option of relief to Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program
20 (FRSP) participants who are exited from the program without having been approved for
21 permanent housing and who have shown good 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
24 Congressional Review Emergency 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 was passed on an emergency basis
36 through the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Emergency Amendment Act of
37 2023, and on a temporary basis through the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Protection
38 Temporary Amendment Act of 2023.

39 (e) Considering the ongoing Mayoral review and the 30-day congressional review of the
40 Family Re-Housing Stabilization Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, in addition to
41 the upcoming expiration of the previous emergency on October 29th, 2023, it is of the utmost
42 importance to implement this emergency measure to safeguard against any unintended gaps in
43 legislation.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
45 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
46 “Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Congressional Review Emergency
47 Amendment Act of 2023” be adopted after a single reading.

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