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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 the Green Building Act of 2006 to exempt certain District owned and funded residential and nonresidential projects from complying with net-zero-energy standards and to modify net-zero-energy standard compliance requirements for nonresidential and residential projects; to amend section 2 of the Clean Energy DC Building Code Amendment Act of 2022 to modify the definition of the net-zero-energy standard and the types of projects to which the net-zero-energy standard applies; and for other purposes.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Net Zero Continuity Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026”.

Sec. 2. (a) On July 14, 2026, the Council adopted the Net Zero Continuity Emergency Amendment Act of 2026, effective July 30, 2026 (D.C. Act 26-0394; 73 DCR 011187), which will expire on October 28, 2026.

(b) On September 22, 2026, the Council adopted the Net Zero Continuity Temporary Amendment Act of 2026, passed on 2nd reading on September 22, 2026 (Enrolled version of Bill 26-768), (“temporary act”), which has not completed congressional review.

(c) Identical emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

35 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
36 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Net
37 Zero Continuity Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2026 be adopted after a
38 single reading.

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