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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 amend, on an emergency basis, the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to establish financial disclosure requirements for the Council of the District of Columbia and clarify requirements for certain WMATA Board members.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Council Financial Disclosure Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2016”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists a need to approve emergency legislation to amend the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 to make clearer financial disclosure filing requirements for Council employees.

(b) A permanent version of this legislation is to be adopted by the Council on second reading on December 20, 2016. Making the act effective sooner than the time needed for congressional review will allow the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability and Council

24 personnel authorities to prepare to identify those employees who must file either a public
25 financial disclosure or a confidential financial disclosure under the revised law.

26 (c) Because a new Congress will be seated the first week of January, the Council will not
27 send legislation to Congress for its standard 30-day review until after the 115th Congress is
28 seated. In addition, because of the Presidential Inauguration and holidays in January and
29 February, the permanent legislation may become effective as late as March.

30 (d) According to guidance from the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability,
31 agencies heads, which will now include Council personnel authorities, must submit a list of
32 public disclosure filers in early March.

33 (e) Adoption of emergency legislation to put into place the new provisions of law before
34 BEGA begins its 2017 financial disclosure activities will maximize time, especially for the
35 legislative branch, to make determinations as to what employees must provide public and
36 confidential financial disclosures so that the public disclosure list can be sent to BEGA timely.

37 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
38 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
39 Council Financial Disclosure Emergency Amendment Act of 2016 be adopted after a single
40 reading.

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