

1 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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3 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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5 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to extend protections for
6 unpaid federal workers, employees of contractors of the federal government, and
7 household members of federal workers and employees of contractors from eviction, late
8 fees, and foreclosure in the event of another federal government shutdown; and to enable
9 the District of Columbia to be able to address in an orderly manner the needs of any
10 possible local homeless federal workers and contractors resulting from a federal
11 government shutdown.

12 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
13 resolution may be cited as the “Federal Worker Housing Relief Extension Emergency
14 Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

15 Sec. 2. (a) Last January, the country endured the longest government shutdown in the
16 history of our nation. Federal workers and contractors experienced severe financial hardship
17 from the shutdown because of missed paychecks.

18 (b) These federal workers and contractors were facing eviction, foreclosure, and possible
19 homelessness. The sudden onslaught of homeless District residents would create a severe
20 hardship for the unpaid federal workers and would also greatly tax the District’s homeless
21 services system.

22 (c) On January 22, 2019, the Council passed identical emergency and temporary
23 legislation to help alleviate the hardship of federal workers and contractors who were not
24 receiving paychecks from eviction, late fees, and foreclosure during a federal government

25 shutdown. As the permanent version of these bills is not yet ready for introduction and the
26 specter of another federal shutdown still looms, this bill would continue the protections of the
27 bills passed last January 22nd.

28 (d) It is important that these bills be enacted to continue to protect federal workers and
29 contractors from the financial hardships thrust upon them in the event of another federal
30 government shutdown. Further, it is important that the District of Columbia be able to address
31 the needs of any possible future homeless federal workers and contractors in an orderly manner.

32 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
33 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Federal
34 Worker Housing Relief Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a single
35 reading.

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