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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 the District of Columbia Statehood Constitutional Convention Initiative of 1979 to repeal the Statehood Commission, repeal the Statehood Compact Commission, to establish the Office of the Statehood Delegation, and to establish the New Columbia Statehood Commission and Fund; to repeal the 51st State Commission Establishment Act of 2010; to amend section 47-1812.11c(b-1)(1) of the District of Columbia Official Code to reflect the establishment of the New Columbia Statehood Fund; to amend the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to establish personnel authority for the Statehood Delegation over the Office of the Statehood Delegation; to amend the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to repeal the Health Occupation Advisory Committees; to amend the Department of Health Functions Clarification Act of 2001 to re-establish the Health Occupation Advisory Committees under the Department of Health; to amend the Retail Service Station Act of 1976 to modify the membership and scope of the Gas Station Advisory Board; to amend the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to modify the personnel authority for the District of Columbia Law Revision Commission; to amend the District of Columbia Law Revision Commission Act of 1980 to modify the membership of the Commission and provide that members shall not be compensated for service; to amend section 47-355.07 of the District of Columbia Official Code to codify the role and responsibilities of the Board of Review for Anti-Deficiency Violations, and to revise the membership of the Board; to amend the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to clarify the compensation provisions for various boards and commissions, and to increase the statutory compensation cap for members of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board; and to amend the Emerging Technology Opportunity Development Task Force Act of 2006 to repeal the statutory authority for the Technology Opportunity Development Task Force; to amend the Litter and Solid Waste Act of 1985 to repeal the statutory authority for the Environmental Planning Commission; to amend the Enhanced Professional Security Amendment Act of 2006 to repeal the statutory authority for the Security Officers Advisory Commission; to amend the District of Columbia Housing

48 Authority Act of 1999 to repeal the statutory authority for the District of Columbia
49 Housing Authority Advisory Committee; to amend the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund
50 Establishment Act of 1999 to repeal the statutory authority for the Board of Trustees of
51 the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund; to amend the Choice in Drug Treatment Act of 2000
52 to repeal the statutory authority for the Choice in Drug Treatment Advisory Commission;
53 to amend the District of Columbia Soil and Water Conservation Act to repeal the
54 statutory authority for the Citizen Advisory Committee to the Soil and Water
55 Conservation District; to amend the Make a Difference Selection Committee
56 Establishment Act of 1998 to repeal the statutory authority for the Make a Difference
57 Selection Committee; to amend the Recreation Act of 1994 to repeal the statutory
58 authority for the Recreation Assistance Board; to amend the Homeland Security, Risk
59 Reduction, and Preparedness Amendment Act of 2006 to repeal the statutory authority
60 for the Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy Task Force; to amend the Cable
61 Television Communications Act of 1981 to repeal the statutory authority for the District
62 of Columbia Securities Advisory Committee; to amend the District of Columbia Public
63 Postsecondary Education Reorganization Act to repeal the statutory authority for the
64 Advisory Board on Vocational Education and Skills Training; to amend the School
65 Modernization Financing Act of 2006 to repeal the statutory authority for the Public
66 School Modernization Advisory Committee; to amend An Act To establish and provide
67 for the maintenance of a free public library and reading room in the District of Columbia
68 to repeal the statutory authority for the Library Enhancement Task Force; to amend the
69 Office of the Chief Tenant Advocate Establishment Act of 2005 to repeal the statutory
70 authority for the Tenant Advisory Committee; to amend Chapter 45 of Title 47 of the
71 District of Columbia Official Code to repeal the statutory authority for the District of
72 Columbia College Savings Program Advisory Board; to amend the District of Columbia
73 Unemployment Compensation Act to repeal the statutory authority for the District of
74 Columbia Unemployment Compensation Board; to amend Chapter 24 of Title 17 of the
75 District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to repeal the authority for the Notary Public
76 Board of Review; to make conforming amendments; and to provide for the orderly
77 transition of duties and responsibilities to the newly elected Mayor and Attorney General.
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79 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act

80 may be cited as the “New Columbia Statehood Initiative, Omnibus Boards and Commissions
81 Reform, and Election Transition Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

82 Sec. 2. (a) On January 18, 2014, Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor,
83 introduced Bill 20-71, the “Boards and Commissions Reform Act of 2013.” That legislation was
84 referred to the Committee of the Whole, which held a hearing on the bill on June 5, 2014, and
85 approved the bill with amendments on October 7, 2014. That bill has undergone 1st and 2nd
86 readings October 7, 2014 and October 28, 2014.

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88 (b) Streamlining the District’s approach to statehood by combining the functions
89 of several defunct and unfunded boards and commissions, creating a body through which funds
90 dedicated to the achievement of statehood may be accessed, and assuring the participation of the
91 Council and the Mayor with the Statehood Delegation is important to focus the District’s efforts
92 to achieve statehood. These reforms should be implemented without delay.

93 (c) Reform of the District’s boards and commissions should occur without
94 delay, and emergency adoption of Bill 20-71 will enable this to happen. The bill reduces the
95 number of boards and commissions, eliminating ineffective ones. It also strengthens several
96 others. It is appropriate that this happen with the impending change in government.

97 (d) In 1998, 2006, and 2010, the Council adopted emergency measures (Acts 12-
98 541, 16-534, and 18-590) to assist the incoming mayor-elect with the transition into office.
99 Again there is that need with the new Mayor. There will also be, for the first time in the
100 District’s history, an elected Attorney General. Authorization for the Mayor to provide funds
101 and resources to the Mayor-elect and Attorney General-elect will facilitate the orderly transition
102 of duties and responsibilities for both offices.

103 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
104 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “New
105 Columbia Statehood Initiative, Omnibus Boards and Commissions Reform, and Election
106 Transition Emergency Amendment Act of 2014” be adopted after a single reading.

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