



MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR

The Honorable Phil Mendelson Chairman Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

## Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration by the Council are the "Salary of the Director of the Department of Health Act of 2018", the "Salary of the Director of the Department of Health Temporary Act of 2018", the "Salary of the Director of the Department of Health Emergency Act of 2018", and the "Salary of the Director of the Department of Health Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018".

The legislation would approve an increase in the salary of the current director of the Department of Health. The increase will ensure that the District is able to provide an appropriate and competitive salary for that position, which requires an advanced medical degree and specialized experience.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the enclosed legislation.

Sincerely.

Munel Bowser

Enclosures

Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor 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 Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to authorize an increase in the salary of the director of the Department of Health. RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Salary of the Director of the Department of Health Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018". Sec. 2. (a) Salaries of the directors of District government agencies are generally limited by the Executive Service salary schedule. (b) The position of director of the Department of Health requires an advanced medical degree and specialized experience, and the upper limit of the salary range authorized by the Executive Service salary schedule does not provide a salary that is appropriate and competitive for that position. (c) In order to ensure the retention of the current director of the Department of Health, it is important that a salary above the current limit of the Executive Service salary schedule be approved promptly. Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the

- 32 Salary of the Director of the Department of Health Emergency Act of 2018 be adopted on
- 33 an emergency basis.
- 34 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.