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11 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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16 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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21 To declare an emergency with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Public
22 Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007 to require the Mayor to ensure the
23 Washington Metropolitan Opportunity Academy remains open through the 2020-2021
24 school year.

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26 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
27 resolution may be cited as the "Washington Metropolitan Opportunity Academy Emergency
28 Declaration Resolution of 2020".

29 Sec. 2. (a) Immediate legislation is required to ensure that the Washington Metropolitan
30 Opportunity Academy ("WMOA"), located at 300 Bryant Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.,
31 20001, remains open for the 2020-2021 school year. On January 23, 2020, the Mayor and the
32 Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS") announced plans to close
33 WMOA at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

34 (b) DCPS's decision to close WMOA was made without its students, parents, and
35 community having any say in discussions about the best path forward for students.

36 (c) WMOA has a small, specialized student population, that enables students to receive
37 the additional time and support they need to ensure future success.

38 (d) WMOA provides students with access to programs and support that students would
39 not receive at other schools.

40 (e) WMOA is the only opportunity academy in the District that includes grades 7 and 8.

41 (e) Immediate action by the Council is necessary to prevent WMOA from closing and
42 displacing students without input from its community and the students who need WMOA's
43 services.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
45 enumerated in section 2 constitute an emergency making it necessary that the "Washington
46 Metropolitan Opportunity Academy Emergency Amendment Act of 2020" be adopted after a
47 single reading.

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