

A RESOLUTION

23-490

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 21, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve the development agreement for the construction of a new hospital at St. Elizabeths as a contract in excess of \$1 million; to approve the operations agreement for the operation of the hospital as a multiyear contract and contract in excess of \$1 million; to authorize the Mayor to dispose of the hospital and the real property on which the hospital will be located to UHS East End Sub, LLC; to establish a special fund as a startup reserve for the hospital; and to amend the Health Services Planning Program Re-Establishment Act of 1996 to establish an uncompensated care requirement for the hospital.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “New Hospital at St. Elizabeths Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

See. 2. (a) The District faces significant disparities in health outcomes among its residents, particularly among residents of Wards 7 and 8.

(b) Mayor Bowser has negotiated agreements with Universal Health Services and its subsidiaries to help transform the District’s health-care system and promote equity in care, access, and outcomes through the establishment of a new, state of the art, 136-bed community hospital and ambulatory pavilion on the east campus of St. Elizabeths, in Ward 8.

(c) The new hospital will be integrated with the existing George Washington University Hospital, with physicians, medical students, and research provided by the George Washington Medical Faculty Associates and George Washington University School of Medicine.

(d) To move forward with this project, certain agreements must be approved by the Council and certain legislative provisions must be enacted to implement provisions of the agreements.

(e) Without the Council’s immediate approval of legislation approving the agreements and the legislative provisions, construction and operation of the hospital will be unnecessarily delayed, which in turn will delay important improvements to health-care services for District residents.

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Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the New Hospital at St. Elizabeths Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.