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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia to limit the District’s cooperation with federal immigration agencies, including by complying with detainer requests, absent a judicial warrant or order.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sanctuary Values Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On September 22, 2020, the Council passed the Sanctuary Values Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective October 14, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-414; 67 DCR 12241) (“emergency act”), which will expire on January 11, 2021. The emergency act limits the District’s cooperation with federal immigration agencies, including by complying with detainer requests, absent a judicial warrant or order.

(b) On October 6, 2020, the Council passed the Sanctuary Values Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on October 28, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-446; 67 DCR 13034) (“temporary act”), which is currently pending congressional review. The projected law date for the temporary act is currently available.

33 (c) On November 23, 2020, the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety approved
34 the permanent version of this legislation – B23-501, the Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of
35 2020 – and the bill will come before the full Council for first reading on December 1, 2020.

36 (d) In order to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and
37 the effective date of the temporary act, it is now necessary to approve this congressional review
38 emergency legislation.

39 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
40 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
41 Sanctuary Values Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a
42 single reading.

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