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11 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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20 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Comprehensive
21 Policing and Justice Reform Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2020 to extend the
22 report submission and sunset dates of the Police Reform Commission; and to amend the
23 Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Congressional Review Emergency
24 Amendment Act of 2020 to make conforming changes.

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26 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
27 resolution may be cited as the “Police Reform Commission Extension Emergency Declaration
28 Resolution of 2020”.

29 Sec. 2. (a) On July 7, 2020, the Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice
30 Reform Second Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective July 22, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-336;
31 67 DCR 9148) (“emergency act”). Section 122 of the emergency act created a Police Reform
32 Commission (“Commission”) to examine policing practices in the District and provide evidence-
33 based recommendations for reforming and revisioning policing in the District. The emergency act
34 provided that the Commission shall submit its recommendations in a report to the Mayor and
35 Council by December 31, 2020, and shall sunset upon the delivery of its report or on December
36 31, 2020, whichever is later. The emergency act expired on October 19, 2020.

37 (b) On July 21, 2020, the Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform
38 Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on August 12, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-399; 67
39 DCR 9920) (“temporary act”), which is pending congressional review and projected to become
40 law on December 7, 2020.

41 (c) On September 22, 2020, the Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice
42 Reform Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective October 28, 2020
43 (D.C. Act 23-437; 67 DCR 12993) (“congressional review emergency act”). The congressional
44 review emergency act was passed to avoid a gap in the law between the expiration of the
45 emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act, and it is set to expire on January 25,
46 2021.

47 (d) Since the passage of the emergency act, the Commission’s membership has been
48 appointed, the Commission and its committees have met numerous times, and the Council has
49 procured a contractor to support the Commission’s activities and the development of its required
50 report.

51 (e) This emergency legislation is now necessary to enable the Commission to complete its
52 work, and it extends, in coordination with the Commission’s Co-Chairs, the report submission
53 deadline and the Commission’s sunset date to April 30, 2021.

54 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
55 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Police
56 Reform Commission Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single
57 reading.

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