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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Deputy Mayor
17 for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012
18 to establish the COVID-19 Business Relief Grant Program.
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20 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
21 resolution may be cited as the “Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited
22 Grant-Making Authority Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

23 Sec. 2. (a) As part of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Support Act of 2021 (D.C. Law 24-
24 45), the Council amended section 2032 of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic
25 Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012, effective September 12, 2012 (D.C.
26 Law 19-168; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.04) (“section 2032”) to authorize the Deputy Mayor of
27 Planning and Economic Development to establish the Small Business Rent Relief Program to
28 provide grants to small businesses that have experienced economic hardship due to the COVID-
29 19 pandemic.

30 (b) The Council included \$40 million in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and
31 Economic Development’s Fiscal Year 2022 budget to support the program.

32 (c) In order to timely disburse grants under this program in the new year, it is necessary
33 to amend section 2032 further to ensure that the program is effectively and efficiently

34 administered, the requirements that a business must meet to be eligible for a grant are clearly
35 stated, and to adjust the percentage of the funds allocated for the program that may be expended
36 for administrative expenses.

37 (e) Emergency action is necessary so that the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic
38 Development can expeditiously issue grants to small businesses that have been hit hardest by the
39 pandemic.

40 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
41 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Deputy
42 Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Emergency
43 Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

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