To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to extend the Mayor’s authority to declare a public health emergency.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Public Health Emergency Authority Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On March 11, 2020, the Mayor issued Mayor’s Orders 2020-045 and 2020-046, declaring a public emergency and a public health emergency in the District due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed by the spread of COVID-19, and on April 17, 2020, Mayor’s Order 2020-063 extending the state of emergency and public health emergency. The Mayor’s 135 days of authority to declare a public health emergency currently expires on July 24, 2020.

(b) To continue to limit certain activities that otherwise would contribute to the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to extend the Mayor’s authority to continue the public health emergency through October 9, 2020, affording the Council the time needed to reevaluate a number of policies triggered by the public health emergency that are contained in the Coronavirus Support Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective June 8, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-328; 67 DCR 7598).

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Public Health Emergency Authority Extension Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.