A RESOLUTION

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to Congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Animal Control Act of 1979 to clarify that an educational institution is permitted to have animals for educational and instructional purposes.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014".

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to amend the Animal Control Act of 1979 to clarify that an educational institution is permitted to have animals for educational and instructional purposes.

(b) Emergency legislation, the Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2014, effective February 10, 2014, (D.C. Act 20-274; 61 DCR 1208), expires on May 12, 2014.

(c) Temporary legislation, the Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2014, signed by the Mayor on March 14, 2014 (D.C. Act 20-300; 61 DCR 2572), was transmitted to Congress on March 25, 2014, for the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)).

(d) The temporary legislation is not projected to become law until May 21, 2014; therefore, a Congressional review emergency is needed to prevent a gap in the law.

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 Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2014 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec 4. The resolution shall take effect immediately.