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3	RESOLUTION NO. 23-0313	COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
4	SERIES OF 2023	Direct File - Torres
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6	<u>A RES</u>	OLUTION
7	Extending the declaration of local dis	aster emergency pertaining to sheltering
8	of migrants and asylum seekers filed	I with the clerk and recorder to April 24,
9	2023.	
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**WHEREAS**, over the past five months, the City and County of Denver (City) has seen a steady influx of approximately 5,600 migrants and asylum seekers arrive in the City without having any immediate plans for shelter;

WHEREAS, this dramatic recent increase in the influx of migrants seeking shelter and asylum from foreign countries has significantly increased the need to provide shelter, transportation, food and services, basic health and first aid needs, COVID-19 testing and associated medical care needed during quarantine and isolation and other supportive services within the State of Colorado and specifically within the City;

**WHEREAS,** many of the migrants and asylum seekers are coping with the effects of trauma and exhaustion, as well as other physical and mental health concerns;

**WHEREAS**, to accommodate the recent increase in migrants and asylum seekers arriving in the City, the City has closed programming in one recreation center to utilize the space for shelter and services, and is evaluating other spaces that may be used to accommodate additional persons as needed;

**WHEREAS**, the sudden increase in need to provide shelter, transportation, food and services, basic health and first aid needs, COVID-19 testing and associated medical care needed during quarantine and isolation and other supportive services is straining and exceeding current City resources;

**WHEREAS**, if migrants and asylum seekers continue to enter the City at, near, or more than the current rate, the City's capacity to shelter and care for such persons will suffer additional strain and continue to exceed the City's capacity;

**WHEREAS**, the City now faces an unprecedented humanitarian crisis that requires it to take extraordinary measures to meet the immediate needs of the asylum seekers;

	WH	IER	EAS, the C	ity ha	s requ	ested financ	ial and othe	r assistand	e from the	state goveri	nment
as	well	as	nonprofits	and	other	community	resources,	including	additional	sheltering,	food,
tra	nspor	tatic	n, and serv	ices;							

WHEREAS, the City has requested financial and other assistance from the federal government;

**WHEREAS**, people and property are at risk based on the arrival of significant numbers of migrants and individuals and families seeking asylum, as described in the above paragraphs;

**WHEREAS**, the risks posed as described herein require preparation and arrangements for food, shelter, transportation, infrastructure, and other humanitarian aid to protect the health, safety, or welfare of people within the City described herein.

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2022, Mayor Hancock filed with the City and County of Denver Clerk and Recorder a State of Local Disaster Emergency Declaration (hereinafter "Declaration");

WHEREAS, the period of Declaration is currently in effect until Monday, March 27, 2023;

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to state law, Colo. Rev. Stat. §24-33.5-709(1), the effect of the period of local disaster emergency cannot exceed seven days except by or with the approval of City Council;

WHEREAS, out of an abundance of caution, City Council intends to further extend the current Declaration until Monday, April 24, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration gives the City the ability to expedite procurement for critical services and shelter for migrants and asylum seekers in the City and continuing to arrive in the City, among other time-sensitive needs.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

**Section 1.** That the State of Local Disaster Emergency Declaration prepared by Mayor Michael B. Hancock and filed with the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver on December 15, 2022, be extended until April 24, 2023, and shall be in effect until terminated by the Mayor or by City Council in accordance with state and local laws.

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2	MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A					
3	PASSED BY THE COUNCIL:					
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5 6 7	ATTEST:	EX-OFFI	IND RECORDER, CIO CLERK OF THE D COUNTY OF DENVER			
8	PREPARED BY: Lee Zarzecki, Assistant City Attorn	ey	DATE: March 16, 2023			
9 10 11 12	Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution has been reviewed by the Office of the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed resolution. The proposed resolution is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §3.2.6 of the Charter.					
13 14	Kerry Tipper, Denver City Attorney					
15	BY:, Assistant City At	torney	DATE:			