

A RESOLUTION

22-163

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 27, 2017

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act to establish the duration of specified terms for members of the commission for the purpose of maintaining the staggered expiration of terms required by the act.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. (a) Pursuant to the section 203(b) of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act, effective October 21, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-22; D.C. Official Code § 39-203(b)) (“act”), members are to have staggered terms with the terms of 6 members of the 18-member commission expiring each year.

(b) Ten nominees to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities have been transmitted to the Council for confirmation. Of those 10 proposed resolutions, 5 provide for the nominee to have a term of less than the 3 years, as provided under the act, in order to reconstitute the staggered term format.

(c) Emergency legislation is necessary to have this amendment to the act in effect as soon as possible so that the proposed resolutions for these nominees can be timely voted on by the Council, the nominees appointed by the Mayor, and the Commission can have a the full complement of members as it prepares for the upcoming fiscal year.

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 Commission on the Arts and Humanities Emergency Amendment Act of 2017 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.