

A RESOLUTION

23-326

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 4, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Anti-Intimidation and Defacing of Public or Private Property Criminal Penalty Act of 1982 to make it unlawful to deface or burn a religious or secular symbol on any property of another without permission or to place or display on such property a physical impression that a reasonable person would perceive as a threat to physically damage the property of another.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Community Harassment Prevention Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On November 5, 2019, the Council passed the Community Harassment Prevention Emergency Amendment Act of 2019, effective November 25, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-168; 66 DCR 15702), which is set to expire on February 23, 2020.

(b) On November 19, 2019, the Council passed the Community Harassment Prevention Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, enacted on December 5, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-176; 66 DCR 16183), which is projected to become law on March 7, 2020.

(c) To prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency legislation and the effective date of the temporary legislation, it is necessary to approve this congressional review emergency legislation.

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 Community Harassment Prevention Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.