

A RESOLUTION

23-492

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 23, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to adopt the local portion of the budget of the District of Columbia government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) In March 2020, schools, stores, hotels, restaurants, and other workplaces closed to control the spread of COVID-19. These closures have helped stem the tide of the coronavirus, but have caused a sharp decline in local fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2021 and delayed the submission of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Financial plan by 60 days.

(b) The Mayor transmitted Bill 23-761, the Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020, on May 18, 2020; that measure is having its second and final reading on July 23, 2020.

(c) The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Financial Plan must be effective prior to October 1, 2020, the start of the new fiscal year. Due to the congressional review period and the congressional calendar, Bill 23-761 will not be effective prior to October 1, 2020.

(d) Anticipating this obstacle, the Mayor transmitted Bill 23-766, the Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Emergency Act of 2020 to ensure that the approved budget and financial plan would be approved prior to the start of the 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 Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Emergency Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.