

A RESOLUTION

23-514

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 22, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to the need to extend the Mayor's authority to declare a public health emergency.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Public Health Emergency Authority Additional Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020".

Sec. 2. (a) On March 11, 2020, the Mayor issued Mayor's Orders 2020-045 and 2020-046, declaring a public emergency and a public health emergency in the District due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed by the spread of COVID-19, and on April 17, 2020, Mayor's Order 2020-063 extending the state of emergency and public health emergency.

(b) On July 7, 2020, the Council adopted emergency legislation to extend the Mayor's authority to continue the public health emergency through October 9, 2020.

(c) To continue to limit certain activities that would otherwise contribute to the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to extend the Mayor's authority to continue the public emergency and public health emergency through December 31, 2020, affording the Council the time needed to reevaluate a number of policies triggered by the public health emergency that are contained in the Coronavirus Support Second Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective August 19, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-405; 67 DCR 10235).

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 Public Health Emergency Authority Additional Extension Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.