

A RESOLUTION

23-545

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 6, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency 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 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On November 5, 2019, the Council passed the Community Harassment Prevention Second Emergency Amendment Act of 2019, effective November 25, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-168; 66 DCR 15702) (“emergency act”). The emergency act expired on February 23, 2020.

(b) On November 19, 2019, the Council passed the Community Harassment Prevention Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, effective March 11, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-67; 67 DCR 3450) (“temporary law”). The temporary law will expire on October 22, 2020.

(c) This new emergency legislation will maintain the provisions of the temporary law while the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety considers the permanent 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 Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.