

A RESOLUTION

23-533

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 6, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to symbolically designate 16th Street, N.W., between H Street, N.W., and K Street, N.W., in Ward 2, as Black Lives Matter Plaza.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may cited as the “Black Lives Matter Plaza Designation Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) In response to protests in the District, and across the country, and in recognition of the work that still needs to be done to ensure that Black lives do matter, on June 5, 2020 Mayor Muriel Bowser stated publicly that the portion of 16th Street N.W. between H Street, N.W., and K Street, N.W., should be designated as Black Lives Matter Plaza.

(b) The Council adopted the designation by emergency act in the Coronavirus Support Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective July 7, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-332; 67 DCR 8609), on June 9, 2020, and thereafter on July 14, 2020.

(c) By a separate emergency act, the Council enacted the Black Lives Matter Plaza Designation Emergency Act of 2020, effective July 27, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-337; 67 DCR 9348) (“Emergency Act”), retroactive to June 5, 2020.

(d) Because of its retroactive applicability, the Emergency Act has already expired. The Black Lives Matter Plaza Designation Temporary Act of 2020, enacted on August 12, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-391; 67 DCR 9889) (“Temporary Act”), has not yet completed congressional review.

(e) Emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law with respect to the designation of Black Lives Matter Plaza between the Emergency Act and the Temporary Act.

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 Black Lives Matter Plaza Designation Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.