

A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 7, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to preserve foreclosure protections for homeowners who applied for funding from the DC Homeowner Assistance Fund program before September 30, 2022 and whose application remain under review, pending approval, pending payment, or under appeal, and to require that notices continue to be sent to homeowners informing them of the DC Homeowner Assistance Fund program before a foreclosure action.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Foreclosure Moratorium and Homeowner Assistance Fund Coordination Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023.”

Sec. 2. (a) The Foreclosure Moratorium and Homeowner Assistance Fund Coordination Emergency Amendment Act of 2022, effective November 22, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-674; D.C. Official Code § 42-851.01), is set to expire on February 20, 2023.

(b) The Foreclosure Moratorium and Homeowner Assistance Fund Coordination Temporary Amendment Act of 2022, enacted on December 8, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-693; 69 DCR 15121), is not projected to become law until March 8, 2023, due to a delay in congressional transmittal because of the change of sessions.

(c) A congressional review emergency is necessary to prevent a gap in the law and protect homeowners from foreclosures as they continue to await approvals and payments from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

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 Foreclosure Moratorium and Homeowner Assistance Fund Coordination Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 should be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.