

A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act to allow the Commission to appoint an interim or acting Executive Director.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Acting Executive Director Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) Emergency legislation is necessary to allow the Commission on the Arts and Humanities (“Commission”) to appoint an interim or acting Executive Director in the absence of a Council-confirmed Executive Director.

(b) The Mayor may appoint interim or acting agency heads for subordinate District government agencies. However, no such authority exists for independent agencies with governing bodies that appoint the agency head to appoint temporary agency heads.

(c) Last fall, a vacancy arose in the position of Executive Director of the Commission. The Commission appointed its Deputy Executive Director to lead the agency in anticipation of the Commission nominating a permanent Executive Director.

(d) The Commission has identified a candidate for the Executive Director position, and it seeks to allow that nominee to serve as acting Executive Director for up to 180 days in anticipation of Council confirmation.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Acting Executive Director Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.