

A RESOLUTION

23-271

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 5, 2019

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 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) On December 18, 2018, the Council passed the Community Harassment Prevention Emergency Amendment Act of 2018, effective February 6, 2019 (D.C. Act 22-644; 66 DCR 2050). The emergency legislation expired on May 7, 2019.

(b) On January 8, 2019, the Council passed the Community Harassment Prevention Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, effective April 11, 2019 (D.C. Law 22-305; 66 DCR 2046). The temporary legislation will expire on November 22, 2019.

(c) This emergency legislation will maintain the provisions of the temporary legislation currently in place while the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety considers the permanent legislation.

Sec. 2. 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 2019 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.