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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency due to congressional review with respect to officially designating the portion of 16th Street N.W. between H Street N.W. and I Street N.W. in Ward 2 as Black Lives Matter Plaza.

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

Sec. 2. (a) In response to protests in D.C. and across the country, and in recognition of the work that still needs to be done to ensure that Black lives do matter, Mayor Muriel Bowser stated publicly the portion of 16th Street N.W. between H Street N.W. and I Street N.W. should be designated as Black Lives Matter Plaza on June 5, 2020. The Council adopted the designation by emergency act (Bill 23-776) on June 9, 2020, and again on July 14, 2020 by separate emergency act (Bill 23-785), still retroactive to the June 9, 2020 date.

(b) Because of the retroactive applicability, the underlying emergency act expired on September 5, 2020, however the temporary version of the designation (Bill 23-786) has not yet completed congressional review.

32 (c) Emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law with respect to the  
33 designation.

34 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
35 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Black  
36 Lives Matter Plaza Designation Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2020” be adopted after  
37 a single reading.

38 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.