



Councilmember Charles Allen

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to symbolically designate the 300 block of 14th Place, N.E., in Ward 6, as Gail Cobb Way.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Gail Cobb Way Designation Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. (a) On November 10, 2020, the Council approved the Gail Cobb Way Designation Emergency Act of 2020, effective December 7, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-516; 67 DCR 14423), which will expire on March 6, 2021. The legislation symbolically designated the 300 block of 14th Place, N.E., in Ward 6 as “Gail Cobb Way,” to honor the memory of Metropolitan Police Officer Cobb, who was killed in the line of duty on September 20, 1974, becoming the first Black woman killed in the line of duty in the United States.

(b) Also on November 10, 2020, the Council approved the Gail Cobb Way Designation Act of 2020, enacted on December 7, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-508; 67 DCR 14405), which has not yet been transmitted to Congress for congressional review.

(c) The Gail Cobb Way Designation Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2021 is

33 necessary to ensure that there is no gap in legal authority between March 6, 2021 and the effective  
34 date of D.C. Act 23-508.

35           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
36 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Gail  
37 Cobb Way Designation Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2021 be adopted after a single  
38 reading.

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