

A RESOLUTION

20-316

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 4, 2013

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to Congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982 to delay the scheduled additional 25% reduction of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families payments for 6 months, from April 1, 2013, until October 1, 2013.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Time Extension Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2013".

Sec. 2. (a) The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Time Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2013, effective March 14, 2013 (D.C. Act 20-26; 60 DCR 4614), is set to expire on June 12, 2013. The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Time Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2013, signed by the Mayor on April 23, 2013 (D.C. Act 20-59; 60 DCR 6397) ("Temporary Act"), is pending Congressional review and has a projected law date of June 24, 2013.

(b) There exists an immediate need to prevent a gap in legal authority and ensure the continued delay of the scheduled additional 25% reduction of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") payments until the Temporary Act is in place. This 6-month delay will provide TANF recipients, subject to the benefit reduction, the necessary time to access services and prepare for their eventual transition off TANF.

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 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Time Extension Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2013 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.