

A RESOLUTION

20-760

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 17, 2014

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to declare the sense of the Council that Black Lives Matter.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council that Black Lives Matter Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) It is necessary to pass emergency legislation to immediately express the sense of the Council that Black Lives Matter.

(b) At the December 16, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting, Councilmember Alexander introduced the Sense of the Council that Black Lives Matter Resolution of 2014 with the full support of all Councilmembers, who signed on as co-introducers.

(c) The December 17, 2014 legislative meeting is the last meeting of this Council Period and the last opportunity for the current Council to express its sense on the matter.

(d) The message of the Sense of the Council that Black Lives Matter Resolution of 2014 is one that is prescient and important, and the kind that should be expressed immediately to be registered in the public discourse that is ongoing yet ever evolving.

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 Sense of the Council that Black Lives Matter Emergency Resolution of 2014 be adopted on an emergency basis.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.