

**A RESOLUTION**

**Proposed  
Resolution  
20-304**

*See*  
**Emergency  
D.C. Act 20-83  
20 DCStat 1438**

*To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to prohibit the electric company from shutting off service when the heat index is forecasted to be 95 degrees Fahrenheit or above.*

**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Heat Wave Safety Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2013”.**

**Heat Wave  
Safety  
Emergency  
Declaration  
Resolution of  
2013**

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to protect District residents who are vulnerable to health impairments that may be caused by periods of extreme heat and who may be unable to cool their homes if their electricity is shut off.

(b) District law prohibits utilities from disconnecting service when the forecast predicts that the temperature will be 32 degrees Fahrenheit or below during the following 24 hours.

(c) Exposure to extreme heat is more likely than extreme cold to cause people to experience negative health consequences, including death; yet, the District does not prohibit the disconnection of electricity during or directly preceding periods of extreme heat analogous to the prohibition on disconnections during or directly preceding periods of extreme cold.

(d) Enacting a prohibition on the disconnection of electricity during or directly preceding periods of extreme heat will provide a measure of security for District residents without creating undue hardship for the electric company.

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 Heat Wave Safety Emergency Amendment Act of 2013 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.