

A RESOLUTION

**Proposed
Resolution
20-1036**

**See Emergency
D.C. Act 20-432
20 DCStat 4149**

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to symbolically designate the public alley in Square 2655, bounded by Colorado Avenue, N.W., and Blagden Avenue, N.W., in Ward 4, as Zion Baptist Church Way.

**Zion Baptist
Church Way
Emergency
Declaration
Resolution of
2014**

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Zion Baptist Church Way Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) On February 10, 2014, Bill 20-683, the Zion Baptist Church Way Designation Act of 2014, was introduced by Councilmember Bowser. Bill 20-683 would symbolically designate the public alley in Square 2655, bounded by Colorado Avenue, N.W., and Blagden Avenue, N.W., in Ward 4, as Zion Baptist Church Way. That legislation was referred to the Committee of the Whole, which held a hearing on the bill on July 2, 2014.

(b) Zion Baptist Church has long served not only the Ward 4 community where it is located, but residents across the District of Columbia. For 30 years, the church has partnered with the District Office on Aging to provide senior daycare services for District residents at the Genevieve N. Johnson Senior Day Care Center near the church on Blagden Avenue. It has also worked with other organizations across the city to meet the needs of the community.

(c) Zion Baptist Church has been a community fixture 52 years at its current location, as well as throughout its history. The congregation plans to celebrate its 150-year anniversary on Sunday, September 28, 2014.

(d) The Committee of the Whole marked up Bill 20-683 at its regular meeting on September 23, 2014, and the measure is on the consent agenda for first reading for a legislative meeting following the Committee of the Whole.

(e) Approval of emergency legislation will allow the symbolic designation of the alley to coincide with its sesquicentennial celebration.

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 Zion Baptist Church Way Emergency Designation Act of 2014 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.