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Councilmember Mary Cheh



Chairman Phil Mendelson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to symbolically designating the 2600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., between Davis Street, N.W., and Edmunds Street, N.W., in Ward 3, as Boris Nemtsov Plaza.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Boris Nemtsov Plaza Designation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to symbolically designate the 2600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., between Davis Street, N.W., and Edmunds Street, N.W., in Ward 3, as “Boris Nemtsov Plaza”.

(b) February 27, 2018 marks the three year anniversary of the death of Boris Nemtsov, a Russian politician and advocate for democracies whose assassination garnered international attention in 2015.

(c) The three-year anniversary date of Boris Nemtsov’s death will include the unveiling of the symbolic signage designating the 2600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., in front of the Embassy of the Russian Federation, his homeland, as “Boris Nemtsov Plaza”.

(d) The symbolic designation will create a memorial in Boris Nemtsov’s honor that cannot be dismantled. Further, the designation is a symbol of the District’s commitment to democracy and sends a message of solidarity to those fighting for democratic principles around the world.

(e) Bill 22-539, the “Boris Nemtsov Plaza Designation Act of 2017” has been approved on final reading by the Council but will not become law for several months. In order to guarantee that the signage will be installed before February 27, 2018, it is necessary to designate

37 the 2600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. as “Boris Nemtsov Plaza” through emergency
38 legislation.

39 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated
40 in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Boris Nemtsov
41 Plaza Designation Emergency Act of 2018” be adopted after a single reading.

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