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A RESOLUTION

22-543

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 26, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to require the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue a grant to an organization providing programming to low-income children who are District residents at Fort Dupont Ice Arena.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fort Dupont Ice Arena Programming Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Fiscal Year 2017 Local Budget Act of 2016, effective July 29, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-142; 63 DCR 8786) (“Local Budget Act”), allocated \$235,000 in recurring funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation (“the Department”) to support programming at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena for low-income children.

(b) The National Park Service transferred jurisdiction of Fort Dupont to the District in 2010. Currently, a nonprofit organization leases and operates the ice rink on the site, offering a variety of programs, one of which provides free figure skating, hockey, and speed skating lessons to low-income children.

(c) Since the passage of the Local Budget Act, it came to light that the Department lacks grant-making authority, preventing it from distributing the funds allocated to it for programming at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena.

(d) This legislation is necessary to give the Department the authority to issue a grant using funds allocated for programming at Fort Dupont Ice Arena.

(e) This emergency legislation is necessary because the Fort Dupont Ice Arena Programming Temporary Amendment Act of 2017, effective December 1, 2017 (D.C. Law 22-29; 64 DCR 10168) (“Temporary Act”), which is currently law, will expire on July 14, 2018, and a permanent version of the Temporary Act, which is in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Support Act of 2018, passed on 2nd reading on June 26, 2018 (Enrolled version of Bill 22-753), will not take effect before the Temporary Act expires.

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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 Fort Dupont Ice Arena Programming Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.