

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 2, 2017

To recognize and celebrate the growing partnership between “parkrun,” a free community-based fitness activity, and the District of Columbia, and to declare June 3, 2017, as “Parkrun Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, parkrun is a free, weekly 5-kilometer run that is completely managed by volunteers;

WHEREAS, originated in London in 2004, parkrun has grown to over 1,100 events worldwide with over 200,000 people participating each weekend in 15 countries, including the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2016, Fletcher’s Cove parkrun began in Ward 3 along the C&O Canal towpath, becoming the first parkrun in the northeast United States;

WHEREAS, since then, over 1,400 runners, joggers, and walkers have participated in the Saturday morning event, in cooperation with the National Park Service and Mayor Muriel Bowser’s FitDC initiative;

WHEREAS, since the launching of Fletcher’s Cove parkrun, 2 other parkruns have begun in the area, the Roosevelt Island parkrun and College Park parkrun, bringing the total number of registered participants in the region to over 3,000 people;

WHEREAS, community participation in parks and public lands is a policy objective shared by the Council and by the National Park Service and parkrun offers a free, weekly opportunity for all District residents to engage in physical activity among beautiful surroundings and in a friendly, supportive atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the founder of parkrun, Paul Sinton-Hewitt, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, will be visiting the District of Columbia to participate in local parkruns.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Parkrun Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates parkrun’s growing success in helping many residents lead healthier, happier lives, and hereby declares June 3, 2017, as “Parkrun Day” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.