

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A RESOLUTION

21-589

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 20, 2016

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 at the 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 2016”.

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 has come 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 the funds allocated for programming at the Fort Dupont Ice Rink. Moving the legislation on an emergency basis will allow the Department to issue the grant at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2017.

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 2016 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.