

A RESOLUTION

22-234

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2017

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, 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 Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2017”.

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 funds allocated for programming at Fort Dupont Ice Arena.

(e) This congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to ensure that there is no gap between when the Fort Dupont Ice Arena Programming Emergency Amendment Act of 2017, enacted on June 25, 2017 (D.C. Act 22-107; 64 DCR 7390), expires on October 23, 2017, and when the Fort Dupont Ice Arena Programming Temporary Amendment Act of 2017, passed on 2nd reading on September 19, 2017 (Enrolled version of Bill 22-389), becomes effective.

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 Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2017 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.