

  
Councilmember Mary M. Cheh

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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 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 Congressional Review 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.

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

35 (e) This emergency legislation is necessary to ensure that there is no gap between when  
36 the Fort Dupont Ice Arena Programming Emergency Amendment Act of 2018, enacted on July  
37 16, 2018 (D.C. Act 22-404; 65 DCR 7523), expires on October 14, 2018, and when the  
38 permanent version of this legislation included in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Support Act,  
39 enacted on September 5, 2018 (D.C. Act 22-442; 65 DCR 9388), becomes effective, which is  
40 projected to be on October 27, 2018.

41 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
42 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Fort  
43 Dupont Ice Arena Programming Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be  
44 adopted after a single reading.

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