

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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 2017”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Local Portion Adoption Act of 2016 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) The Department’s Fiscal Year 2018 operating budget includes \$235,000 to support programming at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena; however, the Department does not currently have grant-making authority to administer these funds.

(d) This legislation is necessary to give the Department the authority to distribute the funds allocated for programming at Fort Dupont Ice Rink. Moving the legislation on an

33 emergency basis will allow the Department to use the funds at the beginning of Fiscal Year
34 2018.

35 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
36 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Fort
37 Dupont Ice Arena Programming Emergency Act of 2017 be adopted after a single reading.

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