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5 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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14 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Law to Legalize  
15 Lotteries, Daily Numbers Games, and Bingo and Raffles for Charitable Purposes in the  
16 District of Columbia, the Day Care Policy Act of 1979, and Neighborhood Engagement  
17 Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016 to dedicate all net revenue from District-  
18 operated sports wagering, with the exception of revenue certified in the approved Fiscal  
19 Year 2020 budget for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, split evenly between the  
20 Early Child Development Fund and the Violence Prevention and Intervention Fund.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
23 act may be cited as the “Sports Wagering Dedicated Revenue Emergency Declaration Resolution  
24 of 2019”.

25 Sec 2. (a) In December 2019, there was a commitment made by numerous members of  
26 the Council from the dais that 50% of all net revenue from sports wagering would be dedicated  
27 to implementing the Birth-to-3 for-All-DC Act and 50% would be deposited into the  
28 Neighborhood Safety and Engagement Fund for violence interruption and NEAR Act  
29 implementation.

30 (b) After changes were made to the administration of the sports wagering program, the  
31 bulk of the revenue shifted from the tax on privately operated sports wagering to become a pass  
32 through of the Office of Lottery and Gaming. This meant that the amount in the “Grand Total  
33 Net Revenue” row of the Chief Financial Officer’s November 28, 2018 fiscal impact statement

1 was no longer fully dedicated, and only the “Privately Operated Sports Wagering - Subtotal” row  
2 was dedicated, resulting in only \$1.7 million in dedicated taxes and fees.

3 (c) To meet the spirit and intent of what was vocalized from the dais, the Council had to  
4 claw back an approximately equivalent amount funding that had been diverted to the General  
5 Fund in the proposed budget for Birth-to-3 and NEAR Act implementation through this budget  
6 process to successfully recoup what was lost for fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

7 (d) There is an urgent need to restore the 50/50 dedication of all additional net revenue  
8 that may be certified beyond what was used to balance the budget and financial plan in FY 2020  
9 to FY 2023. Then, beginning in FY 2024, which is the year beyond the financial plan, 100% of  
10 all net revenue for sports wagering would be split evenly between the Early Childhood  
11 Development Fund and the Violence Prevention and Intervention Fund.

12 (e) The Council is voting on CA 23-168, the proposed multiyear contract CFOPD-19-C-  
13 041 with Intralot, Inc. today (July 9, 2019), and approval of the contract should occur after the  
14 intent to dedicate sports wagering revenue, as intended, is approved.

15 (f) Although there will be no spending authority for these funds, the dedicated revenue  
16 will be deposited in special funds that may be accessed through a reprogramming of special  
17 purpose revenue fund authority or a supplemental budget.

18 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
19 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Sports  
20 Wagering Dedicated Revenue Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a single  
21 reading.

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