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Councilmember Charles Allen Chairman Phil Mendelson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to officially designating the park in Lot 68 in Square 749, bounded by L Street, N.E., 2nd Street, N.E., K Street, N.E., and 3rd Street, N.E., in Ward 6, as Swampoodle Park.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Swampoodle Park Designation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to name the park in Lot 68 in Square 749, bounded by L Street, N.E., 2nd Street, N.E., K Street, N.E., and 3rd Street, N.E., in Ward 6.

(b) Beginning in 2014, the NOMA Parks Foundation partnered with the District Department of Parks and Recreation to create an 8,300 square foot community park located at L Street, N.E. and 3rd Street, N.E. in the NOMA Neighborhood.

(c) After an engaging public process facilitated by the NOMA BID and NOMA Parks Foundation, the community selected the name “Swampoodle” for the unnamed park to pay homage to the neighborhood’s history.

(d) Construction of the park began in late 2017 and will be complete by April 2018.

(e) Bill 22-629, the “Swampoodle Park Designation Act of 2018” is currently under review by the Council. However, in order to guarantee that the park signage will be installed before the park opens in mid-April 2018, it is necessary to designate the park as soon as possible.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Swampoodle Park Designation Emergency Act of 2018” be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.