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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: November 1, 2016

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Commemorative Flag Amendment Act of 2016

REFERENCE: Bill 21-231, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 1, 2016

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires the Secretary of the Council of the District of Columbia to manage a commemorative flag program whereby an individual or an organization can request, through an individual councilmember, a District flag that will be flown at the John A. Wilson Building.¹ The Secretary must provide a certificate that authenticates the date the flag was flown and set a fee that covers the cost of the flag and the cost to deliver it. The bill establishes the Council Reimbursement Fund as a special purpose revenue fund to receive the fees and support the costs of the program. The Secretary must also give a requestor the option to make a donation to the New Columbia Statehood Fund² as part of the request process.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution. The requestor will pay a fee that covers the cost of the flag and

¹ A request must be made 10 business days prior to the desired flag date. The Secretary may also maintain an inventory of flags flown in the past for non-specific date requests.

² New Columbia Statehood Initiative and Omnibus Boards and Commissions Reform Amendment Act of 2014, effective May 2, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-271; D.C. Official Code § 1-129.22).

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the delivery of the flag. The Secretary of the Council estimates that a flag costs approximately \$61. All fees will be deposited into the Council Reimbursement Fund.

The Secretary will need to develop a certificate and build an inventory of flags, but the Secretary can absorb those costs and activities within its existing resources.