



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO CREATE A STREAM OF RESOURCES TO ADDRESS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS IN THE NATIONAL PARKS SYSTEM; INCORPORATING RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, America's National Park System is a living testament to our citizens' valor, our nation's hardships, our victories, and our traditions as Americans, and has been called "America's Best Idea;" and

WHEREAS, the National Park System preserves the diversity, culture, and heritage of all Americans, and serves as a living classroom for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the National Park Service celebrated its centennial and currently manages more than 400 nationally significant sites and an invaluable collection of more than 75,000 natural and cultural assets that span 84 million acres across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several U.S. territories and insular areas; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service's mission is to "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations;" and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the National Park System had more than 331 million visits; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, National Park Service estimates indicated that park visitors spent more than \$18.2 billion at the site and in the state and local communities adjacent to national parks; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service has the obligation to preserve our nation's history; promote access to national parks for all citizens; stimulate revenue to sustain itself and nearby communities; educate the public about America's natural, cultural and historical resources, and provide safe facilities and environs to enjoy these resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the National Park Service estimated a deferred maintenance backlog of nearly \$11.6 billion, which includes repairs to aging historical structures, trails, sewers, drainage, thousands of miles of roads, bridges, tunnels, and other vital infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Congress to maintain America's national parks to ensure our natural places and our history is preserved and documented for future generations, and for the adjacent communities that rely on the direct and indirect economic benefits generated by visits to national park sites.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

- 1.01 The above recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

- 2.01 The City of North Port, Florida strongly encourages Congress to create a reliable, predictable stream of resources to address deferred maintenance needs in America's National Park System.

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

- 3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Resolution and any other resolution or portions thereof, the provisions of this Resolution shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

- 4.01 If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

- 5.01 This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port this ____ day of _____ 2018.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

VANESSA CARUSONE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHRYN PETO
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

AMBER L. SLAYTON
CITY ATTORNEY