



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

**FROM:** Peter D. Lear, CPA, CGMA, City Manager

**TITLE:** Resolution No. 2018-R-30, regarding deferred maintenance needs in the National Parks System

### **Recommended Action**

Approval of Resolution No. 2018-R-30

### **Background Information**

The United States has 58 National Parks with three of them in Florida (Everglades, Dry Tortugas and Biscayne). The National Parks Service, a Bureau of the Department of Interior, preserves the natural and cultural resources of our country. It is critical these historic places be properly maintained for everyone's enjoyment - not only for today but for future generations. Florida has eleven locations in the National Parks Service, generating over \$613 million in economic benefit to their surrounding communities with over 10,800,000 visitors Congress is tasked with maintenance of our National Parks but there is a backlog in general repairs and to the aging infrastructure. The backlog keeps growing every year. The deferred maintenance backlog is approximately \$262 million for Florida's National Parks and approximately \$11.6 billion nationwide. DeSoto National Memorial, located in Bradenton, needs \$463,000 in deferred maintenance. The Everglades, our closest National Park, needs over \$90 million in deferred maintenance.

### **Strategic Plan**

Protect and promote our natural, cultural and historical heritage

### **Financial Impact**

None

### **Procurement**

N/A

Attachments:

1. Florida National Parks Data
2. Florida National Parks
3. Resolution 2018-R-30

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