

Resolution to Commemorate the National Park Service Centennial

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

WHEREAS, the National Park Service preserves the diversity, culture, and heritage of all Americans, and serves as a natural resource for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the National Park Service is celebrating its Centennial and currently manages 414 nationally significant sites and an invaluable collection of more than 77,000 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, over the past 100 years, the National Park Service's mission has expanded to help communities across the United States to revitalize their communities, preserve local history, celebrate local heritage, and create close-to-home opportunities for children and families to connect to nature, be active, and have fun; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service's Centennial Goal is to connect with and help create the next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates; and

WHEREAS, national parks serve as economic engines for local communities and visitor spending that boosts the US economy by \$30 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service recently launched the "Urban Agenda" to support its commitment to be relevant to all Americans and to strategically align its full portfolio of national parks, programs and partners to better serve diverse, urban populations; and

WHEREAS, Saguaro National Park and the other 21 National Park Service sites throughout Arizona serve as expansive, living classrooms that serve thousands of Tucson Unified students and staff in an effort to explore, learn, work and play; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD** strongly encourages Congress to create a reliable, predictable stream of resources to address deferred maintenance needs in America's National Park System.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.

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