

**RESOLUTION NO. 169-2017**

**TITLE: NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM SUPPORT**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO CREATE A RELIABLE, PREDICTABLE STREAM OF RESOURCES TO ADDRESS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS IN AMERICA’S NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.**

**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 conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life 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 2016 the National Park System had more than 331 million visits; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 the National Park Service estimates that park visitors spent more than \$18.4 billion at the sites and in the states 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 2016 the National Park Service estimated a deferred maintenance backlog of nearly \$11.3 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

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Mayor