



## PROCLAMATION

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 2017, National Park Service estimates indicate 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, I, Clayton Lopez, Vice-Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
July 3rd as

### **“Restore America’s Parks Day”**

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States”. I strongly encourage Congress to create a reliable, predictable stream of resources to address deferred maintenance needs in America's National Park System.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2018.

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Clayton Lopez, Vice- Mayor