
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN,
HUGHES, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH AND
YUDICHAK, APRIL 20, 2018

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, APRIL 20, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to adopt the National
2 Park Service's recommendations to extend the Lewis and Clark
3 National Historic Trail to include additional sites along the
4 Lewis and Clark Expedition's Eastern Legacy.

5 WHEREAS, The Lewis and Clark Expedition (Expedition) and the
6 Corps of Discovery are nationally significant for their
7 exploration of the Louisiana Territory and search for an all
8 water route to the Pacific Ocean; and

9 WHEREAS, Under orders by President Thomas Jefferson, the
10 expedition was responsible for mapping the territory explored,
11 as well as documenting new species of plants and animals and
12 engaging with the Native American tribes they encountered; and

13 WHEREAS, Although part of the route was unmapped territory,
14 the Lewis and Clark Expedition was able to use maps provided to
15 them by Native Americans, European explorers and fur traders;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Ultimately, the expedition was able to link routes
18 and maps together to find passage from St. Louis to the Pacific

1 Ocean, a feat that had never before been accomplished; and

2 WHEREAS, In order to recognize the historic significance of
3 the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the National Park Service
4 previously designated a trail that runs from Wood River,
5 Illinois, to the West Coast in Oregon and Washington; and

6 WHEREAS, Public Law 110-229, passed by the Congress of the
7 United States in 2008, authorized the Secretary of the Interior
8 to study additional sites associated with the preparation and
9 return phases of the expedition, located in Pennsylvania,
10 Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, West
11 Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Missouri and
12 Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Those sites were to be considered for inclusion in
14 the "Eastern Legacy" of the expedition; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Park Service evaluated 25 distinct
16 route segments used by the Corps of Discovery for the expedition
17 to determine if they met the criteria for national significance
18 established by the National Trails System Act; and

19 WHEREAS, In August 2016, the National Park Service published
20 its Draft Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension
21 Study, finding that three sections met the criteria established
22 for inclusion in the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Those segments include the Ohio River, from
25 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Louisville, Kentucky; from
26 Louisville, Kentucky, to the confluence with the Mississippi
27 River; and from the Mississippi River's confluence with the Ohio
28 River at Cairo, Illinois, to Wood River, Illinois; and

29 WHEREAS, A portion of the proposed extension of the Lewis and
30 Clark National Historic Trail includes sites along the Ohio

1 River in this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, The inclusion of this segment along the Lewis and
3 Clark National Historic Trail is not only historically
4 significant and appropriate, but may have a positive economic
5 impact on those sites; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 urge the Congress of the United States to adopt the National
8 Park Service's recommendation to extend the Lewis and Clark
9 National Historic Trail to include the additional sites along
10 the Lewis and Clark Expedition's Eastern Legacy; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
13 the presiding officers of each chamber of Congress and to each
14 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.