

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2240

AN ACT

To establish the Adams National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Adams National His-
5 torical Park Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) in 1946, Secretary of the Interior J.A.
4 Krug, by means of the authority granted the Sec-
5 retary of the Interior under section 2 of the Historic
6 Sites Act of August 21, 1935, established the Adams
7 Mansion National Historic Site, located in Quincy,
8 Massachusetts;

9 (2) in 1952, Acting Secretary of the Interior
10 Vernon D. Northrup enlarged the site and renamed
11 it the Adams National Historic Site, using the Sec-
12 retary's authority as provided in the Historic Sites
13 Act;

14 (3) in 1972, Congress, through Public Law 92–
15 272, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to add
16 approximately 3.68 acres at Adams National His-
17 toric Site;

18 (4) in 1978, Congress, through Public Law 95–
19 625, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to ac-
20 cept by conveyance the birthplaces of John Adams
21 and John Quincy Adams, both in Quincy, Massachu-
22 setts, to be managed as part of the Adams National
23 Historic Site;

24 (5) in 1980, Congress, through Public Law 96–
25 435, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to ac-
26 cept the conveyance of the United First Parish

1 Church in Quincy, Massachusetts, the burial place of
2 John Adams, Abigail Adams, and John Quincy
3 Adams and his wife, to be administered as part of
4 the Adams National Historic Site;

5 (6) the actions taken by past Secretaries of the
6 Interior and past Congresses to preserve for the ben-
7 efit, education and inspiration of present and future
8 generations of Americans the home, property, birth-
9 places and burial site of John Adams, John Quincy
10 Adams, and Abigail Adams, have resulted in a
11 multi-site unit of the National Park System with no
12 overarching enabling or authorizing legislation; and

13 (7) that the sites and resources associated with
14 John Adams, second President of the United States,
15 his wife Abigail Adams, and John Quincy Adams,
16 sixth President of the United States, require rec-
17 ognition as a national historical park in the National
18 Park System.

19 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to estab-
20 lish the Adams National Historical Park in the City of
21 Quincy, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to pre-
22 serve, maintain and interpret the home, property, birth-
23 places, and burial site of John Adams and his wife Abigail,
24 John Quincy Adams, and subsequent generations of the
25 Adams family associated with the Adams property in

1 Quincy, Massachusetts, for the benefit, education and in-
2 spiration of present and future generations of Americans.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 As used in this Act:

5 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical
6 park” means the Adams National Historical Park
7 established in section 4.

8 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 **SEC. 4. ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to preserve for the
12 benefit and inspiration of the people of the United States
13 as a national historical park certain properties in Quincy,
14 Massachusetts, associated with John Adams, second
15 President of the United States, his wife, Abigail Adams,
16 John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States,
17 and his wife, Louisa Adams, there is established the
18 Adams National Historical Park as a unit of the National
19 Park System.

20 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The historical park shall be com-
21 prised of the following:

22 (1) All property administered by the National
23 Park Service in the Adams National Historic Site as
24 of the date of enactment of this Act, as well as all
25 property previously authorized to be acquired by the

1 Secretary for inclusion in the Adams National His-
2 toric Site, as generally depicted on the map entitled
3 “Adams National Historical Park”, numbered
4 NERO 386/80,000, and dated April 1998.

5 (2) All property authorized to be acquired for
6 inclusion in the historical park by this Act or other
7 law enacted after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act.

9 (c) VISITOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE SITES.—To pre-
10 serve the historical character and landscape of the main
11 features of the historical park, the Secretary may acquire
12 up to 10 acres for the development of visitor, administra-
13 tive, museum, curatorial, and maintenance facilities adja-
14 cent to or in the general proximity of the property depicted
15 on the map identified in subsection (b)(1)(A).

16 (d) MAP.—The map of the historical park shall be
17 on file and available for public inspection in the appro-
18 priate offices of the National Park Service.

19 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The park shall be administered by
21 the Secretary in accordance with this section and the pro-
22 visions of law generally applicable to units of the National
23 Park System, including the Act entitled “An Act to estab-
24 lish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, ap-
25 proved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1, 2,

1 3, and 4) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666;
2 16 U.S.C. 461–467), as amended.

3 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—(1) The Secretary
4 may consult and enter into cooperative agreements with
5 interested entities and individuals to provide for the pres-
6 ervation, development, interpretation, and use of the park.

7 (2) Any payment made by the Secretary pursuant to
8 a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall be
9 subject to an agreement that conversion, use, or disposal
10 of the project so assisted for purposes contrary to the pur-
11 poses of this Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall
12 result in a right of the United States to reimbursement
13 of all funds made available to such a project or the propor-
14 tion of the increased value of the project attributable to
15 such funds as determined at the time of such conversion,
16 use, or disposal, whichever is greater.

17 (c) ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—For the pur-
18 poses of the park, the Secretary is authorized to acquire
19 real property with appropriated or donated funds, by do-
20 nation, or by exchange, within the boundaries of the park.

21 (d) REPEAL OF SUPERCEDED ADMINISTRATIVE AU-
22 THORITIES.—

23 (1) Section 312 of the National Parks and
24 Recreation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–625; 92
25 Stat. 3479) is amended by striking “(a)” after

1 “SEC. 312”; and strike subsection (b) in its en-
2 tirety.

3 (2) The first section of Public Law 96–435 (94
4 Stat. 1861) is amended by striking “(a)” after
5 “That”; and strike subsection (b) in its entirety.

6 (e) REFERENCES TO THE HISTORIC SITE.—Any ref-
7 erence in any law (other than this Act), regulation, docu-
8 ment, record, map, or other paper of the United States
9 to the Adams National Historic Site shall be considered
10 to be a reference to the historical park.

11 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
13 may be necessary to carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate October 7 (legislative day, Octo-
ber 2), 1998.

Attest:

Secretary.

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