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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing Indiana
Dunes National Park.

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2 Dunes National Park.

3 *Whereas, The unique biological diversity and geographical*
4 *features along Lake Michigan's shoreline have grabbed the*
5 *attention of local residents and visitors for generations;*

6 *Whereas, Stephen Mather, the first director of the National*
7 *Park Service, recommended that the area become a national*
8 *park in 1916;*

9 *Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly designated the*
10 *Indiana Dunes State Park in 1926 to preserve a portion of*
11 *Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline, as well as sand dunes,*
12 *wetlands, and other natural resources for all Hoosiers and*
13 *visitors;*

14 *Whereas, Congress designated the Indiana Dunes National*
15 *Lakeshore in 1966 to preserve more than 15,000 acres of land*
16 *for public access and recreation, including 15 miles of*
17 *shoreline and beaches;*

18 *Whereas, Congress redesignated the national lakeshore as*
19 *Indiana Dunes National Park in 2019, making it the 61st*
20 *national park and Indiana's first national park;*

21 *Whereas, The Indiana Dunes parks represent the most visited*
22 *attraction in the state, drawing more than 3.5 million annual*
23 *visitors, 80 percent of whom visit from outside Indiana;*

24 *Whereas, Indiana Dunes joins an elite group of parks in the*



1 *nation and ranks seventh in visitation when compared to other*
2 *national parks, following Yellowstone National Park and*
3 *receiving more visitors than either Glacier or Grand Teton*
4 *national parks;*

5 *Whereas, The Indiana Dunes National and State Parks serve*
6 *as the cornerstone of a regional tourism economy, creating*
7 *more than \$111 million annually in state and local revenue,*
8 *supporting 5,500 jobs, and generating more than \$475 million*
9 *in economic impact;*

10 *Whereas, American novelist and environmentalist Wallace*
11 *Stegner wrote in 1983, "National parks are the best idea we*
12 *ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they*
13 *reflect us at our best rather than our worst.";* and

14 *Whereas, The Indiana Dunes National Park provides citizens,*
15 *and the world, an opportunity to learn and explore: Therefore,*

16 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
17 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
18 *the Senate concurring:*

19 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
20 Indiana Dunes National Park as Indiana's first national park.

21 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
22 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to
23 Representative Lisa Beck for distribution to the members of the
24 Northwest Indiana Delegation, and to Mr. Paul Labovitz,
25 superintendent of the Indiana Dunes National Park.

