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To establish the César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUIZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “César E. Chávez and
5 the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) on October 8, 2012, the César E. Chávez
2 National Monument was established by Presidential
3 Proclamation 8884 (54 U.S.C. 320301 note) for the
4 purposes of protecting and interpreting the nation-
5 ally significant resources associated with the prop-
6 erty in Keene, California, known as “Nuestra
7 Señora Reina de la Paz”;

8 (2) Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz—

9 (A) served as the national headquarters of
10 the United Farm Workers; and

11 (B) was the home and workplace of César
12 E. Chávez, the family of César E. Chávez,
13 union members, and supporters of César E.
14 Chávez;

15 (3) while the César E. Chávez National Monu-
16 ment marks the extraordinary achievements and
17 contributions to the history of the United States by
18 César Chávez and the farmworker movement, there
19 are other significant sites in the States of California
20 and Arizona that are important to the story of the
21 farmworker movement; and

22 (4) in the study conducted by the National
23 Park Service entitled “César Chávez Special Re-
24 source Study and Environmental Assessment” and

1 submitted to Congress on October 24, 2013, the Na-
2 tional Park Service—

3 (A)(i) found that several sites associated
4 with César E. Chávez and the farmworker
5 movement—

6 (I) are suitable for inclusion in the
7 National Park System; and

8 (II) depict a distinct and important
9 aspect of the history of the United States
10 not otherwise adequately represented at ex-
11 isting units of the National Park System;
12 and

13 (ii) recommended that Congress establish a
14 national historical park to honor the role that
15 César E. Chávez played in lifting up the lives
16 of farmworkers; and

17 (B)(i) found that the route of the 1966
18 march from Delano to Sacramento, California,
19 meets National Historic Landmark criteria;

20 (ii) recommended that the potential for
21 designation of the route as a national historic
22 trail be further explored; and

23 (iii) indicated that the National Park Serv-
24 ice could work with partner organizations and
25 agencies to provide for interpretation programs

1 along the route of the 1966 march from Delano
2 to Sacramento, California.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to estab-
4 lish the César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Movement
5 National Historical Park—

6 (1) to help preserve, protect, and interpret the
7 nationally significant resources associated with
8 César Chávez and the farmworker movement;

9 (2) to interpret and provide for a broader un-
10 derstanding of the extraordinary achievements and
11 contributions to the history of the United States
12 made by César Chávez and the farmworker move-
13 ment; and

14 (3) to support and enhance the network of sites
15 and resources associated with César Chávez and the
16 farmworker movement.

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act:

19 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical
20 park” means the César E. Chávez and the Farm-
21 worker Movement National Historical Park estab-
22 lished by section 4.

23 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
24 titled “Cesar E. Chávez and the Farmworker Move-
25 ment National Historical Park Proposed Boundary”,

1 numbered 502/179857B, and dated September
2 2022.

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (4) STATES.—The term “States” means—

6 (A) the State of California; and

7 (B) the State of Arizona.

8 (5) STUDY.—The term “Study” means the
9 study conducted by the National Park Service enti-
10 tled “César Chávez Special Resource Study and En-
11 vironmental Assessment” and submitted to Congress
12 on October 24, 2013.

13 **SEC. 4. CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ AND THE FARMWORKER MOVE-**
14 **MENT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

15 (a) REDESIGNATION OF CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ NA-
16 tional Monument.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The César E. Chávez Na-
18 tional Monument established on October 8, 2012, by
19 Presidential Proclamation 8884 (54 U.S.C. 320301
20 note) is redesignated as the “César E. Chávez and
21 the Farmworker Movement National Historical
22 Park”.

23 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any funds avail-
24 able for the purposes of the monument referred to

1 in paragraph (1) shall be available for the purposes
2 of the historical park.

3 (3) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, reg-
4 ulation, document, record, map, or other paper of
5 the United States to the monument referred to in
6 paragraph (1) shall be considered to be a reference
7 to the “César E. Chávez and the Farmworker Move-
8 ment National Historical Park”.

9 (b) BOUNDARY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the histor-
11 ical park shall include the area identified as “César
12 E. Chávez National Monument” in Keene, Cali-
13 fornia, as generally depicted on the Map.

14 (2) INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL SITES.—Subject
15 to paragraph (3), the Secretary may include within
16 the boundary of the historical park the following
17 sites, as generally depicted on the Map:

18 (A) The Forty Acres in Delano, California.

19 (B) Santa Rita Center in Phoenix, Ari-
20 zona.

21 (C) McDonnell Hall in San Jose, Cali-
22 fornia.

23 (3) CONDITIONS FOR INCLUSION.—A site de-
24 scribed in paragraph (2) shall not be included in the
25 boundary of the historical park until—

1 (A) the date on which the Secretary ac-
2 quires the land or an interest in the land at the
3 site; or

4 (B) the date on which the Secretary enters
5 into a written agreement with the owner of the
6 site providing that the site shall be managed in
7 accordance with this Act.

8 (4) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the
9 date on which the Secretary includes a site described
10 in paragraph (2) in the historical park, the Sec-
11 retary shall publish in the Federal Register notice of
12 the addition to the historical park.

13 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be avail-
14 able for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the
15 National Park Service.

16 (d) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may acquire
17 land and interests in land within the area generally de-
18 picted on the Map as “Proposed NPS Boundary” by dona-
19 tion, purchase from a willing seller with donated or appro-
20 priated funds, or exchange.

21 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
23 ister the historical park in accordance with—

24 (A) this section; and

(B) the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including—

(i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003, and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753, and 102101 of title 54, United States Code; and

(ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United States Code.

(2) INTERPRETATION.—The Secretary may provide technical assistance and public interpretation of historic sites, museums, and resources on land not administered by the Secretary relating to the life of César E. Chávez and the history of the farmworker movement.

(3) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the States, local governments, public and private organizations, and individuals to provide for the preservation, development, interpretation, and use of the historical park.

(f) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this subsection, the Secretary shall prepare a general management plan for the historical park in

1 accordance with section 100502 of title 54, United
2 States Code.

3 (2) ADDITIONAL SITES.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The general manage-
5 ment plan prepared under paragraph (1) shall
6 include a determination of whether there are—

7 (i) sites located in the Coachella Val-
8 ley in the State of California that were re-
9 viewed in the Study that should be added
10 to the historical park;

11 (ii) additional representative sites in
12 the States that were reviewed in the Study
13 that should be added to the historical park;
14 or

15 (iii) sites outside of the States in the
16 United States that relate to the farm-
17 worker movement that should be linked to,
18 and interpreted at, the historical park.

19 (B) RECOMMENDATION.—On completion of
20 the preparation of the general management
21 plan under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
22 submit to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
23 ural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
24 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of

1 Representatives any recommendations for addi-
 2 tional sites to be included in the historical park.

3 (3) CONSULTATION.—The general management
 4 plan under paragraph (1) shall be prepared in con-
 5 sultation with—

6 (A) any owner of land that is included
 7 within the boundaries of the historical park;
 8 and

9 (B) appropriate Federal, State, and Tribal
 10 agencies, public and private organizations, and
 11 individuals, including—

12 (i) the National Chávez Center; and

13 (ii) the César Chávez Foundation.

14 **SEC. 5. FARMWORKER PEREGRINACIÓN NATIONAL HISTOR-**
 15 **ICAL TRAIL STUDY.**

16 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16
 17 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 18 lowing:

19 “(50) FARMWORKER PEREGRINACIÓN NA-
 20 TIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—The Farmworker
 21 Peregrinación National Historic Trail, a route of ap-
 22 proximately 300 miles taken by farmworkers be-
 23 tween Delano and Sacramento, California, in 1966,
 24 as generally depicted as ‘Alternative C’ in the study
 25 conducted by the National Park Service entitled

1 ‘César Chávez Special Resource Study and Environ-
2 mental Assessment’ and submitted to Congress on
3 October 24, 2013.”.

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