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To establish the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) 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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the New Bedford National Historic Land-
6 mark District and associated historic sites as de-
7 scribed in section 3(b), including the Schooner
8 Ernestina, are National Historic Landmarks and are

1 listed on the National Register of Historic Places as
2 historic sites associated with the history of whaling
3 in the United States;

4 (2) the city of New Bedford was the 19th cen-
5 tury capital of the world's whaling industry and re-
6 tains significant architectural features, archival ma-
7 terials, and museum collections illustrative of this
8 period;

9 (3) New Bedford's historic resources provide
10 opportunities for illustrating and interpreting the
11 whaling industry's contribution to the economic, so-
12 cial, and environmental history of the United States
13 and provide opportunities for public use and enjoy-
14 ment; and

15 (4) the National Park System presently con-
16 tains no sites commemorating whaling and its con-
17 tribution to American history.

18 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

19 (1) to preserve, protect, and interpret the re-
20 sources that comprise the New Bedford Whaling Na-
21 tional Historical Park, including its architecture,
22 setting, and associated archival and museum collec-
23 tions;

24 (2) to collaborate with the city of New Bedford
25 and with local historical, cultural, and preservation

1 organizations to further the purposes of the park;
2 and

3 (3) to provide opportunities for the inspirational
4 benefit and education of the American people.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 For the purposes of this Act:

7 (1) The term “park” means the New Bedford
8 Whaling National Historical Park established by
9 section 3.

10 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
11 of the Interior.

12 **SEC. 3. NEW BEDFORD WHALING NATIONAL HISTORICAL**
13 **PARK.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to preserve for the
15 benefit and inspiration of the people of the United States
16 as a national historical park certain districts, structures,
17 and relics located in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and as-
18 sociated with the history of whaling and related social and
19 economic themes in America, there is established the New
20 Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

21 (b) BOUNDARIES.—(1) The boundaries of the park
22 shall be those generally depicted on the map entitled “Pro-
23 posed Park Boundaries (Map 4)”, in the document pub-
24 lished by the National Park Service entitled “Special Re-
25 source Study, New Bedford, Massachusetts”, dated No-

1 vember 1993. Such map will be on file and available for
2 public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National
3 Park Service. The boundaries shall include the following:

4 (A) The area included within the New Bedford
5 National Historic Landmark District, known as the
6 Bedford Landing Waterfront Historic District, as
7 listed within the National Register of Historic Places
8 and in the Massachusetts State Register of Historic
9 Places.

10 (B) The National Historic Landmark Schooner
11 Ernestina, with its home port in New Bedford.

12 (C) The land along the eastern boundary of the
13 New Bedford National Historic Landmark District
14 over to the east side of MacArthur Drive from the
15 Route 6 overpass on the north to an extension of
16 School Street on the south.

17 (D) The land north of Elm Street in New Bed-
18 ford, bounded by Acushnet Avenue on the west,
19 Route 6 (ramps) on the north, MacArthur Drive on
20 the east, and Elm Street on the south.

21 (2) In addition to these sites, areas and relics, the
22 Secretary may assist in the interpretation and preserva-
23 tion of the following:

24 (A) The southwest corner of the State Pier.

1 (B) Waterfront Park, immediately south of land
2 adjacent to the State Pier.

3 (C) The Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden
4 Museum, located at 396 County Street.

5 (D) The Wharfinger Building, located on Piers
6 3 and 4.

7 (E) The Bourne Counting House, located on
8 Merrill's Wharf.

9 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF PARK.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The park shall also be adminis-
11 tered by the Secretary in accordance with this Act and
12 in accordance with the provisions of law generally applica-
13 ble to units of the national park system, including the Act
14 entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and
15 for other purposes”, approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat.
16 535; 16 U.S.C. 1, 2, 3, and 4) and the Act of August
17 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461–467).

18 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
19 may consult and enter into cooperative agreements with
20 the New Bedford National Park Citizens' Partnership and
21 other interested entities and individuals to provide for ap-
22 propriate activities related to the preservation, develop-
23 ment, interpretation, and use of the park.

24 (c) ACQUISITION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROP-
25 erty AND SERVICES.—The Secretary may acquire by do-

1 nation, exchange, lease or purchase with donated or appro-
2 priated funds personal property and lands and improve-
3 ments in New Bedford, Massachusetts, for the purposes
4 of the park.

5 (d) OTHER PROPERTY, FUNDS, AND SERVICES.—
6 The Secretary may accept and use donated funds, prop-
7 erty, and services to carry out this Act.

8 **SEC. 5. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

9 Not later than the end of the second fiscal year begin-
10 ning after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
11 shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of
12 the House of Representatives and the Committee on En-
13 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate a general man-
14 agement plan for the park and shall implement such plan.
15 The plan shall be prepared in accordance with section
16 12(b) of the Act of August 18, 1970, and other applicable
17 law.

18 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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