

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1927

AN ACT

To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “African American Civil
3 Rights Network Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

5 The purposes of this Act are—

6 (1) to recognize—

7 (A) the importance of the African Amer-
8 ican civil rights movement; and

9 (B) the sacrifices made by the people who
10 fought against discrimination and segregation;
11 and

12 (2) to authorize the National Park Service to
13 coordinate and facilitate Federal and non-Federal
14 activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret—

15 (A) the history of the African American
16 civil rights movement;

17 (B) the significance of the civil rights
18 movement as a crucial element in the evolution
19 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.
20 2000a et seq.); and

21 (C) the relevance of the African American
22 civil rights movement in fostering the spirit of
23 social justice and national reconciliation.

1 **SEC. 3. U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS NETWORK PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subdivision 1 of division B of sub-
3 title III of title 54, United States Code, is amended by
4 inserting after chapter 3083 the following:

5 **“CHAPTER 3084—U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS**
6 **NETWORK**

“Sec.

“308401. Definition of network.

“308402. U.S. Civil Rights Network.

“308403. Cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding.

“308404. Sunset.

7 **“§ 308401. Definition of network**

8 “In this chapter, the term ‘Network’ means the Afri-
9 can American Civil Rights Network established under sec-
10 tion 308402(a).

11 **“§ 308402. U.S. Civil Rights Network**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish,
13 within the Service, a program to be known as the ‘U.S.
14 Civil Rights Network’.

15 “(b) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out the
16 Network, the Secretary shall—

17 “(1) review studies and reports to complement
18 and not duplicate studies of the historical impor-
19 tance of the African American civil rights movement
20 that may be underway or completed, such as the
21 Civil Rights Framework Study;

22 “(2) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-
23 cational materials relating to the African American

1 civil rights movement, such as handbooks, maps, in-
2 terpretive guides, or electronic information;

3 “(3) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-
4 ments and memoranda of understanding to provide
5 technical assistance under subsection (c); and

6 “(4)(A) create and adopt an official, uniform
7 symbol or device for the Network; and

8 “(B) issue regulations for the use of the symbol
9 or device adopted under subparagraph (A).

10 “(c) ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the
11 following elements:

12 “(1) All units and programs of the Service that
13 are determined by the Secretary to relate to the Af-
14 rican American civil rights movement during the pe-
15 riod from 1939 through 1968.

16 “(2) With the consent of the property owner,
17 other Federal, State, local, and privately owned
18 properties that—

19 “(A) relate to the African American civil
20 rights movement;

21 “(B) have a verifiable connection to the
22 African American civil rights movement; and

23 “(C) are included in, or determined by the
24 Secretary to be eligible for inclusion in, the Na-
25 tional Register of Historic Places.

1 “(3) Other governmental and nongovernmental
2 facilities and programs of an educational, research,
3 or interpretive nature that are directly related to the
4 African American civil rights movement.

5 **“§ 308403. Cooperative agreements and memoranda**
6 **of understanding**

7 “To achieve the purposes of this chapter and to en-
8 sure effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal
9 elements of the Network described in section 308402(c)
10 with System units and programs of the Service, the Sec-
11 retary may enter into cooperative agreements and memo-
12 randa of understanding with, and provide technical assist-
13 ance to the heads of other Federal agencies, States, units
14 of local government, regional governmental bodies, and
15 private entities.

16 **“§ 308404. Sunset**

17 “This program shall expire on the date that is 7 years
18 after the date of enactment of this chapter.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
20 for title 54, United States Code, is amended by inserting
21 after the item relating to chapter 3083 the following:

“3084 U.S. Civil Rights Network308401”.

22 **SEC. 4. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

23 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
24 requirements of this Act and the amendments made by

1 this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using
2 amounts otherwise authorized.

Passed the House of Representatives July 26, 2017.

Attest:

Clerk.

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