



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31737

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		<b>File Created:</b> 02/13/2017
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**Title:** A RESOLUTION requesting Congress to allocate funding to adequately address the maintenance needs of the National Park System.

<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Filed with City Clerk:</b>	<u>Date</u> 2/24/2017
	<b>Mayor's Signature:</b>	2/24/2017
<b>Sponsors:</b> Juarez, Harrell, Johnson, Sawant	<b>Vetoed by Mayor:</b>	
	<b>Veto Overridden:</b>	
	<b>Veto Sustained:</b>	

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** Emilia.Sanchez@seattle.gov

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

**History of Legislative File**

**Legal Notice Published:**  Yes  No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	02/14/2017	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office					
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Council President's Office	02/16/2017	sent for review	Full Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Full Council					
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Full Council	02/21/2017	referred	Full Council			
1	Full Council	02/21/2017	adopted				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:					
	<b>Notes:</b>	Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31737.					
		In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant					
		Opposed: 0					

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1	City Clerk	02/23/2017	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor
1	Mayor	02/24/2017	Signed	
1	Mayor	02/24/2017	returned	City Clerk
1	City Clerk	02/24/2017	attested by City Clerk	

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION 31737**

A RESOLUTION requesting Congress to allocate funding to adequately address the maintenance needs of the National Park System.

WHEREAS, America’s National Park System is a living testament to our citizens’ valor, our nation’s hardships, our victories, and our traditions as Americans, and has been called “America’s Best Idea;” and

WHEREAS, the National Park System preserves the diversity, culture, and heritage of all Americans, and serves as a living classroom for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the National Park Service is celebrating its centennial and currently manages 410 nationally significant sites and an invaluable collection of more than 75,000 natural and cultural assets that span 84 million acres across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several U.S. territories and insular areas; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has 15 national parks and 42 natural and historic landmarks and monuments, and The City of Seattle provides the gateway to many of the parks, including two of the most visited and popular parks in Washington State: Mount Rainier National Park and Olympic National Park; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service’s mission is to “to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations”; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the National Park System had more than 305 million visits nationally and 7.6 million in Washington State; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2015, National Park Service estimates indicate that park visitors spent more than  
2 \$470.1 million in Washington State at the sites and local communities adjacent to  
3 national parks, including \$270 million for Olympic National Park and \$45.7 million for  
4 Mount Rainier National Park; and

5 WHEREAS, the National Park Service has the obligation to preserve our nation's history;  
6 promote access to national parks for all citizens; stimulate revenue to sustain itself and  
7 nearby communities; educate the public about America's natural, cultural, and historical  
8 resources; and provide safe facilities and environs to enjoy these resources; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2016, the National Park Service estimated a deferred maintenance backlog of  
10 nearly \$12 billion nationally and \$510 million in Washington State, which includes  
11 repairs to aging historical structures, trails, sewers, drainage, thousands of miles of roads,  
12 bridges, tunnels, and other vital infrastructure; and

13 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Congress to maintain America's national parks to ensure  
14 our natural places and our history are preserved and documented for future generations,  
15 and for the adjacent communities, such as Seattle, that enjoy the direct and indirect  
16 economic benefits generated by visits to national park sites; NOW, THEREFORE,

17 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
18 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

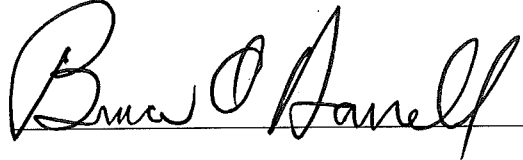
19 Section 1. The City of Seattle strongly encourages Congress to create a reliable,  
20 predictable stream of funding to address the deferred maintenance needs in America's National  
21 Park System. Solutions could include: reforming the current system of entrance, recreation, and  
22 commercial franchise fees; providing additional federal funding to leverage private dollars for

- 1 infrastructure repairs; and providing increased funding through the federal Highway Trust Fund
- 2 to support construction and upkeep of park roads, bridges, and tunnels.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017,

2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 21<sup>st</sup> day of

3 February, 2017.

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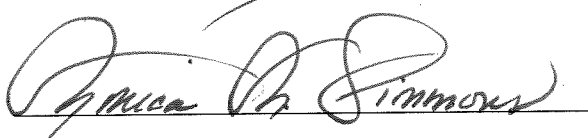
5 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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8 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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