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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31, 2025

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to establish the César E.
3 Chávez and the Farmworker Movement National Histor-
4 ical Park—

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

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

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

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

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

22 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
23 titled “Cesar E. Chávez and the Farmworker Move-
24 ment National Historical Park Proposed Boundary”,
25 numbered 502/179857B, and dated September
26 2022.

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

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

4 (A) the State of California; and

5 (B) the State of Arizona.

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

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

13 (a) REDESIGNATION OF CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ NA-
14 TIONAL MONUMENT.—

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

21 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any funds avail-
22 able for the purposes of the monument referred to
23 in paragraph (1) shall be available for the purposes
24 of the historical park.

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

7 (b) BOUNDARY.—

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

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

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

17 (B) Santa Rita Center in Phoenix, Ari-
 18 zona.

19 (C) McDonnell Hall in San Jose, Cali-
 20 fornia.

21 (3) CONDITIONS FOR INCLUSION.—A site de-
 22 scribed in paragraph (2) shall not be included in the
 23 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 HIS-**
 15 **TORIC 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.”.

