



# County of Leelanau

**MICHELLE L. CROCKER**  
*Leelanau County Clerk*  
*Clerk of the Circuit Court*

**LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION – Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

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Roll Call:	District #1	Tony Ansorge	PRESENT
	#2	Debra L. Rushton	PRESENT
	#3	William J. Bunek	PRESENT
	#4	Ty Wessell	PRESENT
	#5	Patricia Soutas-Little	PRESENT
	#6	Casey Noonan	PRESENT
	#7	Melinda C. Lautner	PRESENT

PEW/National Lakeshore Resolution/Recommendation Letter:  
*#182-08212018 Regular Session*

**MOTION BY SOUTAS-LITTLE TO APPROVE TO LEELANAU COUNTY  
RESOLUTION #2018-013 THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEDICATED  
FEDERAL FUNDING TO ADDRESS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS IN  
AMERICA’S NATIONAL PARKS. SECONDED BY NOONAN.**

Discussion – Commissioner Soutas-Little addressed the resolution and believes that all information previously requested by Commissioners has been provided. Commissioner Rushton concurred and thanked Soutas-Little.

**ROLL CALL: Soutas-Little – YES; Wessell – YES; Ansorge – YES; Bunek – YES; Lautner – YES; Noonan – YES; Rushton – YES.**

**AYES – 7**

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Leelanau County Resolution #2018-013  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEDICATED FEDERAL FUNDING  
TO ADDRESS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS IN AMERICA’S NATIONAL  
PARKS**

**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 Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is one of seven national parks sites in Michigan which includes Pictured Rocks, Isle Royale, and River Raisin National Battlefield; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's national park sites received 2.7 million visitors in 2017, generating \$231 million spent in gateway communities and 3,410 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the Sleeping Bear Dunes welcomed 1.7 million visitors who spent \$121 million and helped generate \$212 million in economic output for Leelanau County and neighboring communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Leelanau County and neighboring communities are blessed with the breathtaking beauty of the Sleeping Bear Dunes – 31 miles of pristine sand bluffs that offer a blend of cultural, historical and natural resources which allow visitors to hike, paddle, sail, and enjoy all the area has to offer; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents and businesses in Leelanau County benefit, both culturally and economically, because of our proximity to the Sleeping Bear Dunes; and

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

**WHEREAS**, despite a mission to make parks accessible and open, because of Congressional underfunding the National Park Service has a maintenance backlog of \$11.6 billion nationally and \$53 million in Michigan – money needed for infrastructure repairs to aging historical structures, trails, sewers, drainage, roads, and other vital infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of Congress to maintain America's national parks to ensure our natural places and our history are preserved and documented for future generations, and for the adjacent communities that rely on the direct and indirect economic benefits generated by visits to national park sites.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board of Commissioners of Leelanau County strongly encourages Congress to create a reliable, predictable stream of resources to address deferred maintenance needs in America's National Park System.



State of Michigan  
County of Leelanau

I, Michelle L. Crocker, Clerk of said County and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, the same being a Court of record having a seal, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Record now remaining in my office and of the whole thereof. In Testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Circuit Court the 21st day of August 2018.

*Michelle L. Crocker*

Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk