

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

Senator Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of
2 Michigan's state parks system.

3 Whereas, Michigan's state parks system was established with
4 the passage of Public Act 218 of 1919. The new law created the
5 Michigan State Park Commission on May 12, 1919, to acquire land for
6 state parks; and

7 Whereas, The establishment of Michigan's state parks system is
8 designed to provide recreation opportunities for the citizens of
9 Michigan, as well as preserving Michigan's beautiful natural
10 splendor for future generations; and

11 Whereas, The park system operates 103 state park and
12 recreation areas covering more than 306,000 acres and 16 state

1 harbors on the Great Lakes. In addition to offering recreational
2 facilities, some parks focus on historically significant events,
3 contain museums where artifacts are exhibited, and host special
4 presentations that bring history to life for the more than 26
5 million visitors per year; and

6 Whereas, Camping is a major activity at most parks, with
7 14,100 campsites in 142 campgrounds and over 900 miles of trails
8 with facilities ranging from modern to rustic; and

9 Whereas, Michigan's state parks hold in trust for future
10 generations many of the irreplaceable natural resources to be found
11 in our outdoors. They offer a wide array of educational
12 opportunities amid a scenic background that may include mountains
13 of sand dunes, an eighteenth century farm, or wilderness
14 waterfalls; and

15 Whereas, Whether visiting the parks in the winter, spring,
16 summer, or autumn, the citizens of Michigan have been making
17 memories and parks have played an important role in vacation plans
18 for families and friends; and

19 Whereas, The state parks system has been instrumental in
20 protecting our natural wonders for our citizens and sharing the
21 magic of "Pure Michigan" with our neighbors from other states and
22 countries. State parks are closely linked to the tourism industry
23 and are vital assets to our state's economy. We must continue to
24 protect and support these great natural and historic resources;
25 now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
27 body commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Michigan state parks
28 system; and be it further

29 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

1 officials in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.