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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL PARKS AND CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION REPORT, "NATIONAL PARKS: FROM VIGNETTES TO A GLOBAL VIEW"

Be it resolved that:

The Ecological Society of America recognizes the fundamental importance of National Parks for the conservation of the Nation's biological diversity; for enhancing the well-being of the Nation's citizens; and for the conduct of scientific research.

To ensure the preservation of these natural resources in perpetuity, the Society recognizes the need for the increased support and institutional changes proposed in the recently-released report commissioned by the National Parks and Conservation Association, entitled "National Parks: from Vignettes to a Global View." This report recommends that the Congress provide the National Park Service with a formal research mission and additional support to greatly increase its research and public education programs; and that the National Park Service implement the ecosystem concept in resource management and research, and professionalize all positions and career ladders related to interpretation and resource management.

The Ecological Society of America supports the implementation of the recommendations contained in this important report.

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