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AN ACT

To provide for the issuance of coins to commemorate the
100th anniversary of the establishment of the National
Park Service, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Park Service
3 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) In 1916, Congress established the National
7 Park Service as a bureau within the Department of
8 the Interior to administer America’s great national
9 parks and monuments as a unified National Park
10 System.

11 (2) From 1916 to the present, the National
12 Park System has grown from 37 park units with
13 6,000,000 acres of land in the western United
14 States to more than 395 units with 84,000,000
15 acres of land in nearly all States and territories.

16 (3) The responsibilities of the National Park
17 Service have grown to include—

18 (A) managing national historic trails and
19 national scenic trails;

20 (B) administering wild and scenic rivers;

21 (C) recognizing America’s most significant
22 historic resources through the National Register
23 of Historic Places and the National Historic
24 Landmark program;

25 (D) providing historic preservation grants;
26 and

1 (E) assisting communities in meeting their
2 preservation, conservation, and recreation
3 needs.

4 (4) The National Park Service Organic Act of
5 1916, which established the National Park Service,
6 remains the preeminent law guiding the manage-
7 ment of parks and articulating the Service’s core
8 mission, “to conserve the scenery and the natural
9 and historic objects and the wild life therein and to
10 provide for the enjoyment of the same in such man-
11 ner and by such means as will leave them
12 unimpaired for the enjoyment of future genera-
13 tions”.

14 (5) The 100th anniversary of the National Park
15 Service in 2016 will be an occasion to celebrate a
16 century of American vision and achievement in iden-
17 tifying and preserving our Nation’s special places for
18 the benefit of everyone and the culmination of 100
19 years of accomplishment by the National Park Serv-
20 ice’s employees, partners, and volunteers. It will also
21 mark the beginning of the organization’s second cen-
22 tury of service to the American people as environ-
23 mental leaders and vigilant stewards of the Nation’s
24 treasured places and stories.

1 (6) Coins commemorating the 100th anniver-
2 sary of the National Park Service will bring national
3 and international attention to the National Park
4 System and to the legacy Congress left in 1916
5 when it established a Federal agency to ensure the
6 protection of our Nation's most treasured natural
7 and cultural resources for all time.

8 (7) The proceeds from a surcharge on the sale
9 of commemorative coins will assist the financing of
10 the needs of the National Park Service's parks and
11 programs, helping to ensure that our Nation's great
12 natural and cultural resources will endure for gen-
13 erations to come.

14 **SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.**

15 (a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treas-
16 ury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
17 shall mint and issue the following coins:

18 (1) \$5 GOLD COINS.—Not more than 100,000
19 \$5 coins, which shall—

20 (A) weigh 8.359 grams;

21 (B) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

22 (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent
23 alloy.

24 (2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000
25 \$1 coins, which shall—

1 (A) weigh 26.73 grams;

2 (B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

3 (C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 per-
4 cent copper.

5 (3) HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.—Not more
6 than 750,000 half dollar coins, which shall—

7 (A) weigh 11.34 grams;

8 (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

9 (C) be minted to the specifications for half
10 dollar coins, contained in section 5112(b) of
11 title 31, United States Code.

12 (b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this
13 Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of
14 title 31, United States Code.

15 (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
16 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins
17 minted under this Act shall be considered to be numis-
18 matic items.

19 **SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.**

20 (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins
22 minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the
23 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

24 (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On
25 each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

1 (A) a designation of the face value of the
2 coin;

3 (B) an inscription of the year “2016”; and

4 (C) inscriptions of the words “Liberty”,
5 “In God We Trust”, “United States of Amer-
6 ica”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.

7 (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted
8 under this Act shall be—

9 (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation
10 with—

11 (A) the National Park Service;

12 (B) the National Park Foundation; and

13 (C) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

14 (2) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory
15 Committee.

16 **SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.**

17 (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this
18 Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

19 (b) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may
20 issue coins minted under this Act only during the period
21 beginning on January 1, 2016, and ending on December
22 31, 2016.

1 **SEC. 6. SALE OF COINS.**

2 (a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act
3 shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum
4 of—

5 (1) the face value of the coins;

6 (2) the surcharge provided in section 7(a) with
7 respect to the coins; and

8 (3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins
9 (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery,
10 overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

11 (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk
12 sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable
13 discount.

14 (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept
16 prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act
17 before the issuance of such coins.

18 (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to pre-
19 paid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a rea-
20 sonable discount.

21 **SEC. 7. SURCHARGES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under
23 this Act shall include a surcharge as follows:

24 (1) A surcharge of \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin.

25 (2) A surcharge of \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin.

1 (3) A surcharge of \$5 per coin for the half dol-
2 lar coin.

3 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 5134(f) of
5 title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which
6 are received by the Secretary from the sale of coins
7 issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by the
8 Secretary to the National Park Foundation for
9 projects and programs that help preserve and pro-
10 tect resources under the stewardship of the National
11 Park Service and promote public enjoyment and ap-
12 preciation of those resources.

13 (2) PROHIBITION ON LAND ACQUISITION.—Sur-
14 charges paid to the National Park Foundation pur-
15 suant to paragraph (1) may not be used for land ac-
16 quisition.

17 (c) AUDITS.—The National Park Foundation shall be
18 subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of
19 title 31, United States Code, with regard to the amounts
20 received by the Foundation under subsection (b).

21 (d) LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
22 no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance
23 under this Act of any coin during a calendar year if, as
24 of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin
25 would result in the number of commemorative coin pro-

1 grams issued during such year to exceed the annual
2 commemorative coin program issuance limitation under
3 section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code (as in
4 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Sec-
5 retary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out
6 this subsection.

7 **SEC. 8. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.**

8 The Secretary shall take such actions as may be nec-
9 essary to ensure that—

10 (1) minting and issuing coins under this Act
11 will not result in any net cost to the United States
12 Government; and

13 (2) no funds, including applicable surcharges,
14 shall be disbursed to any recipient designated in sec-
15 tion 7 until the total cost of designing and issuing
16 all of the coins authorized by this Act (including
17 labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-
18 penses, marketing, and shipping) is recovered by the
19 United States Treasury, consistent with sections
20 5112(m) and 5134(f) of title 31, United States
21 Code.

22 **SEC. 9. BUDGET COMPLIANCE.**

23 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
24 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
25 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement

1 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
2 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
3 by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the
4 House of Representatives, provided that such statement
5 has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

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Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.