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AN ACT

To redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument
as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, 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 “Reconstruction Era
3 National Historical Park Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RECONSTRUCTION ERA NATIONAL HISTORICAL**
5 **PARK.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical
8 park” means the Reconstruction Era National His-
9 torical Park.

10 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the maps
11 entitled “Reconstruction Era National Monument
12 Old Beaufort Firehouse,” numbered 550/135,755
13 and dated January 2017; “Reconstruction Era Na-
14 tional Monument Darrah Hall and Brick Baptist
15 Church,” numbered 550/135,756 and dated January
16 2017; and “Reconstruction Era National Monument
17 Camp Saxton,” numbered 550/135,757 and dated
18 January 2017, collectively.

19 (3) NETWORK.—The term “Network” means
20 the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network
21 established pursuant to this Act.

22 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

24 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

25 (1) REDESIGNATION OF RECONSTRUCTION ERA
26 NATIONAL MONUMENT.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Reconstruction
2 Era National Monument is redesignated as the
3 Reconstruction Era National Historical Park,
4 as generally depicted on the map.

5 (B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any funds
6 available for the purposes of the Reconstruction
7 Era National Monument shall be available for
8 the purposes of the historical park.

9 (C) REFERENCES.—Any references in a
10 law, regulation, document, record, map, or
11 other paper of the United States to the Recon-
12 struction Era National Monument shall be con-
13 sidered to be a reference to the historical park.

14 (2) BOUNDARY EXPANSION.—

15 (A) BEAUFORT NATIONAL HISTORIC LAND-
16 MARK DISTRICT.—Subject to subparagraph (D),
17 the Secretary is authorized to acquire land or
18 interests in land within the Beaufort National
19 Historic Landmark District that has historic
20 connection to the Reconstruction Era. Upon fi-
21 nalizing an agreement to acquire land, the Sec-
22 retary shall expand the boundary of the histor-
23 ical park to encompass the property.

24 (B) ST. HELENA ISLAND.—Subject to sub-
25 paragraph (D), the Secretary is authorized to

1 acquire the following and shall expand the
2 boundary of the historical park to include ac-
3 quisitions under this authority:

4 (i) Land and interests in land adja-
5 cent to the existing boundary on St. Hel-
6 ena Island, South Carolina, as reflected on
7 the map.

8 (ii) Land or interests in land on St.
9 Helena Island, South Carolina, that has a
10 historic connection to the Reconstruction
11 Era.

12 (C) CAMP SAXTON.—Subject to subpara-
13 graph (D), the Secretary is authorized to accept
14 administrative jurisdiction of Federal land or
15 interests in Federal land adjacent to the exist-
16 ing boundary at Camp Saxton, as reflected on
17 the map. Upon finalizing an agreement to ac-
18 cept administrative jurisdiction of Federal land
19 or interests in Federal land, the Secretary shall
20 expand the boundary of the historical park to
21 encompass that Federal land or interests in
22 Federal land.

23 (D) LAND ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The
24 Secretary may only acquire land under this Act

1 by donation, exchange or purchase with donated
2 funds.

3 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
5 ister the historical park in accordance with this Act
6 and with the laws generally applicable to units of the
7 National Park System.

8 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—If the management
9 plan for the Reconstruction Era National Monu-
10 ment—

11 (A) has not been completed on or before
12 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
13 shall incorporate all provisions of this Act into
14 the planning process and complete a manage-
15 ment plan for the historical park within 3
16 years; and

17 (B) has been completed on or before the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 shall update the plan incorporating the provi-
20 sions of this Act.

21 **SEC. 3. RECONSTRUCTION ERA NATIONAL HISTORIC NET-**
22 **WORK.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

1 (1) establish, within the National Park Service,
2 a program to be known as the “Reconstruction Era
3 National Historic Network”;

4 (2) not later than 1 year after the date of the
5 enactment of this Act, solicit proposals from sites in-
6 terested in being a part of the Network; and

7 (3) administer the Network through the Recon-
8 struction Era National Historical Park.

9 (b) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out the
10 Network, the Secretary shall—

11 (1) review studies and reports to complement
12 and not duplicate studies of the historical impor-
13 tance of Reconstruction Era that may be underway
14 or completed, such as the National Park Service Re-
15 construction Handbook and the National Park Serv-
16 ice Theme Study on Reconstruction;

17 (2) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-
18 cational and promotional materials relating to the
19 Reconstruction Era and the sites in the network,
20 such as handbooks, maps, interpretive guides, or
21 electronic information;

22 (3) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-
23 ments and memoranda of understanding to provide
24 technical assistance;

1 (4)(A) create and adopt an official, uniform
2 symbol or device for the Network; and

3 (B) issue regulations for the use of the symbol
4 or device adopted under subparagraph (A); and

5 (5) conduct research relating to Reconstruction
6 and the Reconstruction Era.

7 (c) ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the
8 following elements—

9 (1) all units and programs of the National Park
10 Service that are determined by the Secretary to re-
11 late to the Reconstruction Era;

12 (2) other Federal, State, local, and privately
13 owned properties that the Secretary determines—

14 (A) relate to the Reconstruction Era; and

15 (B) are included in, or determined by the
16 Secretary to be eligible for inclusion in, the Na-
17 tional Register of Historic Places; and

18 (3) other governmental and nongovernmental
19 sites, facilities, and programs of an educational, re-
20 search, or interpretive nature that are directly re-
21 lated to the Reconstruction Era.

22 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA
23 OF UNDERSTANDING.—To achieve the purposes of this
24 Act and to ensure effective coordination of the Federal
25 and non-Federal elements of the Network and units and

1 programs of the National Park Service, the Secretary may
2 enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of un-
3 derstanding with, and provide technical assistance to, the
4 heads of other Federal agencies, States, units of local gov-
5 ernment, regional governmental bodies, and private enti-
6 ties.

7 (e) NETWORK DEFINED.—The term “Network”
8 means the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network
9 established pursuant to this Act.

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2018.

Attest:

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Clerk.