

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Adiel McKnight, Deputy Clerk of the Board

DATE: April 20, 2025

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming the week of April 19-27, 2025 as National Park Week

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

National Park Week is a time to explore amazing places and discover stories of history and culture. During this week parks across the country will host a variety of special programs, events, and digital experiences. National Park Week is a wonderful time to celebrate the work done by the National Park Foundation (NPF) and their partners to ensure parks thrive and spark wonder for generations to come. The National Park Service will offer fee-free entrance to national parks during National Park Week in 2025. The free admission days are designed to encourage discovery and visitation of the country's variety of national parks. With at least one in every state, national parks are accessible places to visit to refresh body, mind and spirit.

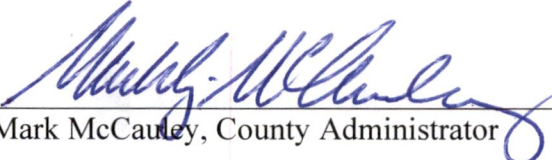
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Jefferson County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming the week of April 19-27, 2025 as National Park Week

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Park Week is a time to celebrate and appreciate the natural beauty and cultural heritage of our country's national parks; and

WHEREAS, Olympic National Park in Washington State is a shining example of the diversity and richness of our nation's protected lands; and

WHEREAS, Olympic National Park has a rich history, with eight contemporary tribes of the Olympic Peninsula - the Makah, Quileute, Hoh, Quinault, Skokomish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Jamestown S'Klallam, and Lower Elwha Klallam - having lived in this area since time immemorial and continuing to maintain strong relationships to the lands and waters now within Olympic National Park; and

WHEREAS, since the 1880s, the Olympic Peninsula's spectacular mountains, rain forest, and unique wildlife have captured the attention of visitors, park advocates, and naturalists; and

WHEREAS, in 1938 President Franklin Roosevelt signed an act designating Olympic National Park, which has since received international recognition, as an International Biosphere Reserve in 1976 by UNESCO and as a World Heritage Site in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic National Park protects a diverse and pristine ecosystem that provides essential environmental benefits, such as water filtration, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we celebrate National Park Week by recognizing the beauty and history of the Olympic National Park. The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims April 19-27, 2025 as

National Park Week

and encourages all residents to enjoy their national parks.

APPROVED this 21th day of April, 2025

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

ATTEST:

Heather Dudley-Nollette, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC,
Clerk of the Board

Greg Brotherton, Member