

Resolution of the City of Jersey City, N.J.

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TITLE:



RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY URGING NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT THE LIBERTY STATE PARK PROTECTION ACT

WHEREAS, Liberty State Park a beloved local and national treasure, whose priceless public lands provide urban wildlife habitats, educational enrichment, historical and cultural wonders, healthy recreation, and irreplaceable views of Lady Liberty and Ellis Island; and

WHEREAS, between 4 and 5 million people visit Liberty State Park each year, at least 700,000 of whom are visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Liberty State Park is "The People's Park," an utterly unique gift from the people of New Jersey to the people of the United States on the occasion of our nation's Bicentennial; and

WHEREAS Liberty State Park has long served as a prime public event venue for the people of Jersey City and the entire region, hosting diverse and joyful park-staff-approved events such as the Hudson County Earth Day Festival, the Star Ledger Jazz Festival, the Fourth of July Fireworks display, and many more; and

WHEREAS Liberty State Park has in recent years repeatedly found itself under threat of being razed to the ground on behalf of commercial developers' almighty dollar; and

WHEREAS the Liberty State Park Protection Act will protect the park from these deeply unpopular commercial onslaughts while ensuring democracy and transparency in decision-making about these public lands, establishing a public process for any privatization lease of one year or more while nonetheless allowing small park-appropriate commercial activities to flourish, reinstating and revising a Liberty State Park Advisory Committee of park stewards, and engaging both the public and the Committee in the creation of a prudent management plan for the Park's future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City, does hereby urge New Jersey's Assembly, Senate, and Governor to pass the Liberty State Park Protection Act into law with all possible expediency.

APPROVED: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

APPROVED: [Signature]
Business Administrator

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Corporation Counsel

Certification Required

Not Required

APPROVED 9-0

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE 2.27.19											
COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.	COUNCILPERSON	AYE	NAY	N.V.
RIDLEY	✓			YUN	✓			RIVERA	✓		
PRINZ-AREY	✓			SOLOMON	✓			WATTERMAN	✓		
BOGGIANO	✓			ROBINSON	✓			LAVARRO, PRES.	✓		

✓ Indicates Vote

N.V.-Not Voting (Abstain)

Adopted at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City N.J.

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Rolando R. Lavarro, Jr., President of Council

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Robert Byrne, City Clerk