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To establish in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN (for himself, Ms. MACE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, and Ms. ADAMS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 24, 2021]

A BILL

To establish in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Southern Campaign of*
5 *the Revolution National Heritage Corridor Act of 2021”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.*—*The term*
9 *“National Heritage Corridor” means the Southern*
10 *Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Cor-*
11 *ridor established by section 3(a).*

12 (2) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.*—*The term*
13 *“Local Coordinating Entity” means the local coordi-*
14 *nating entity for the National Heritage Corridor.*

15 (3) *MANAGEMENT PLAN.*—*The term “manage-*
16 *ment plan” means the management plan for the Na-*
17 *tional Heritage Corridor required under section 5(a).*

18 (4) *MAP.*—*The term “map” means the map enti-*
19 *tled “Southern Campaign of the Revolution Proposed*
20 *National Heritage Corridor”, numbered 257/177,271,*
21 *and dated September 2021.*

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

24 (6) *STATES.*—*The term “States” means the*
25 *States of South Carolina and North Carolina.*

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN OF THE**
2 **REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-**
3 **RIDOR.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is established the Southern*
5 *Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor in*
6 *the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, as gen-*
7 *erally depicted on the map.*

8 (b) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.*—*The University of*
9 *South Carolina shall serve as the local coordinating entity*
10 *for the National Heritage Corridor.*

11 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

12 (a) *AUTHORITIES.*—*For purposes of carrying out the*
13 *management plan for the National Heritage Corridor, the*
14 *Secretary acting through the local coordinating entity may*
15 *use amounts made available under this Act—*

16 (1) *to make grants to the States or a political*
17 *subdivision of the States, Indian Tribes, nonprofit or-*
18 *ganizations, and other persons;*

19 (2) *to enter into cooperative agreements with, or*
20 *provide technical assistance to, the States or a polit-*
21 *ical subdivision of the States, Indian Tribes, non-*
22 *profit organizations, and other interested parties;*

23 (3) *to hire and compensate staff, which shall in-*
24 *clude individuals with expertise in natural, cultural,*
25 *and historical resources protection and heritage pro-*
26 *gramming;*

1 (4) *to obtain money or services from any source,*
2 *including any money or services that are provided*
3 *under any other Federal law or program, provided*
4 *that any money specifically authorized for National*
5 *Heritage areas shall be subject to a 50 percent cost-*
6 *share requirement;*

7 (5) *to contract for goods or services; and*

8 (6) *to undertake or be a catalyst for any other*
9 *activity that furthers the purposes of the National*
10 *Heritage Corridor and is consistent with the ap-*
11 *proved management plan.*

12 (b) *DUTIES.—The local coordinating entity for the Na-*
13 *tional Heritage Corridor shall—*

14 (1) *in accordance with section 5, prepare and*
15 *submit a management plan for the National Heritage*
16 *Corridor to the Secretary;*

17 (2) *assist Federal agencies, the States or a polit-*
18 *ical subdivision of the States, Indian Tribes, regional*
19 *planning organizations, nonprofit organizations, and*
20 *other interested parties in carrying out the approved*
21 *management plan by—*

22 (A) *carrying out programs and projects*
23 *that recognize, protect, and enhance important*
24 *resource values in the National Heritage Cor-*
25 *ridor;*

1 (B) establishing and maintaining interpre-
2 tive exhibits and programs in the National Her-
3 itage Corridor;

4 (C) developing recreational, interpretive,
5 and educational opportunities in the National
6 Heritage Corridor;

7 (D) increasing public awareness of, and ap-
8 preciation for, natural, historical, scenic, and
9 cultural resources of the National Heritage Cor-
10 ridor;

11 (E) protecting and restoring historic sites
12 and buildings in the National Heritage Corridor
13 that are consistent with the themes of the Na-
14 tional Heritage Corridor;

15 (F) ensuring that clear, consistent, and ap-
16 propriate signs identifying points of public ac-
17 cess and sites of interest are posted throughout
18 the National Heritage Corridor; and

19 (G) promoting a wide range of partnerships
20 among the Federal Government, State, Tribal,
21 and local governments, organizations, and indi-
22 viduals to further the purposes of the National
23 Heritage Corridor;

24 (3) consider the interests of diverse units of gov-
25 ernment, businesses, organizations, and individuals

1 *in the National Heritage Corridor in the preparation*
2 *and implementation of the management plan;*

3 *(4) conduct meetings open to the public not less*
4 *frequently than semiannually regarding the develop-*
5 *ment and implementation of the management plan;*
6 *and*

7 *(5) for any year that Federal funds have been re-*
8 *ceived under this Act—*

9 *(A) submit to the Secretary an annual re-*
10 *port that describes the activities, expenses, and*
11 *income of the local coordinating entity (includ-*
12 *ing grants to any other entities during the year*
13 *that the report is made);*

14 *(B) make available to the Secretary for*
15 *audit all records relating to the expenditure of*
16 *the funds and any matching funds; and*

17 *(C) encourage by appropriate means eco-*
18 *nomics viability that is consistent with the Na-*
19 *tional Heritage Corridor.*

20 *(c) PROHIBITION ON THE ACQUISITION OF REAL*
21 *PROPERTY.—The local coordinating entity shall not use*
22 *Federal funds to acquire real property or any interest in*
23 *real property.*

1 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 3 years after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the local coordinating entity
4 shall submit to the Secretary for approval a proposed man-
5 agement plan for the National Heritage Corridor.

6 (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—The management plan shall—

7 (1) *incorporate an integrated and cooperative*
8 *approach for the protection, enhancement, and inter-*
9 *pretation of the natural, cultural, historic, scenic, and*
10 *recreational resources of the National Heritage Cor-*
11 *ridor;*

12 (2) *take into consideration Federal, State, local,*
13 *and Tribal plans and treaty rights;*

14 (3) *include—*

15 (A) *an inventory of—*

16 (i) *the resources located in the Na-*
17 *tional Heritage Corridor; and*

18 (ii) *any other property in the National*
19 *Heritage Corridor that—*

20 (I) *is related to the themes of the*
21 *National Heritage Corridor; and*

22 (II) *should be preserved, restored,*
23 *managed, or maintained because of the*
24 *significations of the property;*

25 (B) *comprehensive policies, strategies, and*
26 *recommendations for conservation, funding,*

1 *management, and development of the National*
2 *Heritage Corridor;*

3 *(C) a description of the actions that the*
4 *Federal Government, State, Tribal, and local*
5 *governments, private organizations, and individ-*
6 *uals have agreed to take to protect the natural,*
7 *historical, cultural, scenic, and recreational re-*
8 *sources of the National Heritage Corridor;*

9 *(D) a program of implementation for the*
10 *management plan by the local coordinating enti-*
11 *ty that includes a description of—*

12 *(i) actions to facilitate ongoing collabo-*
13 *ration among partners to promote plans for*
14 *resource protection, restoration, and con-*
15 *struction; and*

16 *(ii) specific commitments for imple-*
17 *mentation that have been made by the local*
18 *coordinating entity or any unit of govern-*
19 *ment, organization, or individual for the*
20 *first 5 years of operation;*

21 *(E) the identification of sources of funding*
22 *for carrying out the management plan;*

23 *(F) analysis and recommendations for*
24 *means by which Federal, State, local, and Tribal*
25 *programs, including the role of the National*

1 *Park Service in the Corridor, may best be co-*
2 *ordinated to carry out this Act; and*

3 *(G) an interpretative plan for the National*
4 *Heritage Corridor; and*

5 *(4) recommend policies and strategies for re-*
6 *source management that consider and detail the ap-*
7 *plication of appropriate land and water management*
8 *techniques, including the development of intergovern-*
9 *mental and interagency cooperative agreements to*
10 *protect the natural, historical, cultural, educational,*
11 *scenic, and recreational resources of the National*
12 *Heritage Corridor.*

13 *(c) DEADLINE.—If a proposed management plan is*
14 *not submitted to the Secretary by the date that is 3 years*
15 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the local coordi-*
16 *nating entity shall be ineligible to receive additional fund-*
17 *ing under this Act until the date that the Secretary receives*
18 *and approves the management plan.*

19 *(d) APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT*
20 *PLAN.—*

21 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*
22 *the date of receipt of the management plan under sec-*
23 *tion 5, the Secretary, in consultation with States and*
24 *Tribal governments, shall approve or disapprove the*
25 *management plan.*

1 (2) *CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL.*—*In determining*
2 *whether to approve the management plan, the Sec-*
3 *retary shall consider whether—*

4 (A) *the local coordinating entity is rep-*
5 *resentative of the diverse interests of the National*
6 *Heritage Corridor, including Federal, State,*
7 *Tribal, and local governments, natural and his-*
8 *toric resources protection organizations, edu-*
9 *cational institutions, businesses, recreational or-*
10 *ganizations;*

11 (B) *the local coordinating entity has af-*
12 *forded adequate opportunity, including public*
13 *hearings, for public and governmental involve-*
14 *ment in the preparation of the management*
15 *plan; and*

16 (C) *the resource preservation and interpre-*
17 *tation strategies contained in the management*
18 *plan would adequately protect the natural, his-*
19 *torical, and cultural resources of the National*
20 *Heritage Corridor.*

21 (3) *ACTION FOLLOWING DISAPPROVAL.*—*If the*
22 *Secretary disapproves the management plan, the Sec-*
23 *retary shall—*

24 (A) *advise the local coordinating entity in*
25 *writing of the reasons for the disapproval;*

1 (B) *make recommendations for revisions to*
2 *the management plan; and*

3 (C) *not later than 180 days after the receipt*
4 *of any proposed revision of the management*
5 *plan from the local coordinating entity, approve*
6 *or disapprove the proposed revision.*

7 (4) *AMENDMENTS.—*

8 (A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ap-*
9 *prove or disapprove each amendment to the*
10 *management plan that the Secretary determines*
11 *make a substantial change to the management*
12 *plan.*

13 (B) *USE OF FUNDS.—The local coordi-*
14 *nating entity shall not use Federal funds to*
15 *carry out any amendments to the management*
16 *plan until the Secretary has approved the*
17 *amendments.*

18 **SEC. 6. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

19 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act affects the au-*
20 *thority of a Federal agency to provide technical or financial*
21 *assistance under any other law.*

22 (b) *CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION.—The head of*
23 *any Federal agency planning to conduct activities that may*
24 *have an impact on the National Heritage Corridor is en-*
25 *couraged to consult and coordinate the activities with the*

1 *Secretary and the local coordinating entity to the max-*
2 *imum extent practicable.*

3 (c) *OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Nothing in this sec-*
4 *tion—*

5 (1) *modifies, alters, or amends any law or regu-*
6 *lation authorizing a Federal agency to manage Fed-*
7 *eral land under the jurisdiction of the Federal agency;*

8 (2) *limits the discretion of a Federal land man-*
9 *ager to implement an approved land use plan within*
10 *the boundaries of the National Heritage Corridor; or*

11 (3) *modifies, alters, or amends any authorized*
12 *use of Federal land under the jurisdiction of a Fed-*
13 *eral agency.*

14 **SEC. 7. PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REGULATORY PROTEC-**
15 **TIONS.**

16 *Nothing in this Act—*

17 (1) *abridges the rights of any property owner*
18 *(whether public or private), including the right to re-*
19 *frain from participating in any plan, project, pro-*
20 *gram, or activity conducted within the National Her-*
21 *itage Corridor;*

22 (2) *requires any property owner—*

23 (A) *to permit public access (including ac-*
24 *cess by Federal, State, or local agencies) to the*
25 *property of the property owner; or*

1 (B) to modify public access or use of prop-
2 erty of the property owner under any other Fed-
3 eral, State, or local law;

4 (3) alters any duly adopted land use regulation,
5 approved land use plan, or other regulatory authority
6 of any Federal, State, Tribal, or local agency;

7 (4) conveys any land use or other regulatory au-
8 thority to the local coordinating entity;

9 (5) authorizes or implies the reservation or ap-
10 propriation of water or water rights;

11 (6) enlarges or diminishes the treaty rights of
12 any Indian Tribe within the National Heritage Cor-
13 ridor;

14 (7) diminishes—

15 (A) the authority of the States to manage
16 fish and wildlife, including the regulation of
17 fishing and hunting, within the National Herit-
18 age Corridor; or

19 (B) the authority of Indian Tribes to regu-
20 late members of Indian Tribes with respect to
21 fishing, hunting, and gathering in the exercise of
22 treaty rights; or

23 (8) creates any liability, or affects any liability
24 under any other law, of any private property owner

1 *with respect to any person injured on the private*
2 *property.*

3 **SEC. 8. EVALUATION AND REPORT.**

4 *(a) IN GENERAL.—For the National Heritage Cor-*
5 *ridor, not later than 3 years before the date specified under*
6 *section 9, the Secretary shall—*

7 *(1) conduct an evaluation of the accomplish-*
8 *ments of the National Heritage Corridor; and*

9 *(2) prepare a report in accordance with sub-*
10 *section (c).*

11 *(b) EVALUATION.—An evaluation conducted under*
12 *subsection (a)(1) shall—*

13 *(1) assess the progress of the local coordinating*
14 *entity with respect to—*

15 *(A) accomplishing the purposes of the Na-*
16 *tional Heritage Corridor; and*

17 *(B) achieving the goals and objectives of the*
18 *approved management plan for the National*
19 *Heritage Corridor;*

20 *(2) analyze the investments of the Federal Gov-*
21 *ernment, State, Tribal, and local governments, and*
22 *private entities in the National Heritage Corridor to*
23 *determine the impact of the investments; and*

24 *(3) review the management structure, partner-*
25 *ship relationships, and funding of the National Herit-*

1 *age Corridor for purposes of identifying the critical*
2 *components for sustainability of the National Herit-*
3 *age Corridor.*

4 *(c) REPORT.—Based on the evaluation conducted*
5 *under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall submit to the*
6 *Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate*
7 *and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of*
8 *Representatives a report that includes recommendations for*
9 *the future role of the National Park Service, if any, with*
10 *respect to the National Heritage Corridor.*

11 **SEC. 9. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**

12 *The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance*
13 *under this Act terminates on the date that is 15 years after*
14 *the date of enactment of this Act.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to establish the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes.”.