

RESOLUTION No. 2021-

RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ENACTMENT OF UNITED STATES SENATE BILL S. 1942, THE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT OF 2021

BY:

Council Chairman Kenny Tompkins
Council Member William Kennedy II
Council Member Frank Soda
Council Member John Spanbauer
Council Member Christopher Voccio

WHEREAS, National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape; and

WHEREAS, through their resources, National Heritage Areas tell nationally important stories that celebrate our nation's diverse cultural heritage in that NHAs are lived-in landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate Bill S. 1942, the National Heritage Area Act of 2021, will provide long-term stability to National Heritage Areas (NHAs); standardize the funding, designation, evaluation, and oversight of NHAs; and strengthen protections for private property rights; and

WHEREAS, U. S. Senate Bill S. 1942 will also eliminate the need for action on numerous individual reauthorization bills that have been introduced for the 30 National Heritage Areas that will expire in 2021; and

WHEREAS, for our local area, U. S. Senate Bill S. 1942 will provide crucial long-term sustainability for the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area to continue doing great and important work; and

Kennedy_____ Soda_____ Spanbauer_____ Voccio_____ Tompkins_____

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area plays a pivotal role in the preservation and promotion of the natural, cultural, and historic resources within our community and our community relies on the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area to initiate and manage complex and long-term projects among many area stakeholders;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Senate Bill, Mayor Robert Restaino has submitted correspondence to the Senate Select Committee on behalf of the City urging its passage into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York desires to make its voice heard on behalf of all city residents by communicating its strong support for the passage of United States Senate Bill S. 1942; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby encourage all residents of this community to likewise communicate their support for the passage of United States Senate Bill S. 1942 by writing letters of support and forwarding them to Mr. Thomas Lowe, President of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Falls Heritage Area, Timon Hall Suite 125, Niagara University, New York 14109 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Thomas Lowe, President of the Board of Directors of the Niagara Falls Heritage Area and to the offices of U. S. Senator Charles Schumer, U. S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Brian Higgins, and Congressman Christopher Jacobs.