

Resolution in Opposition to the Creation of a National Park

**Whereas;** The Alton Works Organization has begun plans for a proposed Great Rivers National Park which would include State and Federal lands in and around Jersey County; and

**Whereas;** The stated reason for the proposed National Park would be to attract tourism, boost the economy and help Alton reach its potential; and

**Whereas;** The proposed plan encompasses more than the Alton area and would drastically impact the surrounding counties and communities; and

**Whereas;** There have been no local public informational meetings held to inform the public of the proposal which would have allowed the public to ask questions, receive answers and offer suggestions; and

**Whereas;** There has been no meaningful information, communication, consultation or questions answered about the proposal with the Counties or Villages that would be most affected by this proposal; and

**Whereas;** The proposed area for the National Park encompasses large areas within and around Jersey County which are currently and actively used for public use. These lands are already being protected and preserved through state and federal agencies as well as private organizations. Designating these areas as a National Park would take away from the protection and preservation already in place; and

**Whereas;** The proposal would prohibit or limit hunting and trapping on the designated areas which are now open and available to the public; and


**Whereas;** Designating the proposed land as a National Park would reduce the protection of the natural, historical and cultural resources since natural resource extractions and uses such as mining and logging along with commercial development such as resorts and marinas could be allowed.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF JERSEY COUNTY THAT:***

1. The Jersey County Board strongly opposes the creation of a National Park in and around the County of Jersey.
2. The Jersey County Board will work with neighboring counties, impacted organizations and agencies, to lead a thoughtful and thorough community process in opposition of any proposed plan to designate any land in and around Jersey County as a National Park.

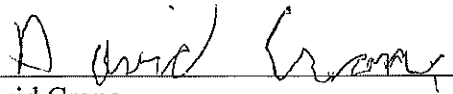
**ADOPTED** by the Jersey County Board on this 8th Day of October, 2024.

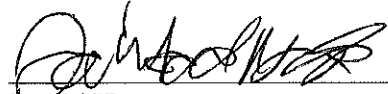
  
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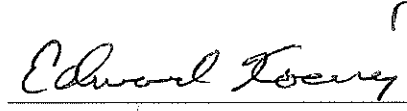
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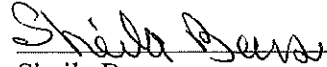
  
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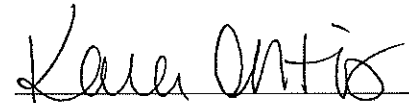
  
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