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## Resolution No. 2016 - 22

Supporting the Elevation to National Status  
of the Cahokia Mounds Historic Site

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APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TROY, ILLINOIS  
THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2016

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**Whereas**, long before Lewis and Clark, our region was home to the ancient societies of Mississippian Culture and the beginnings of urbanism in the eastern Woodlands. It was from these societies that today's great Indian Nations sprang. With cultural connections from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico and along the mighty Mississippi, their beginnings of this urban civilization was spread over six counties of Eastern Missouri and Southwestern Illinois; and

**Whereas**, dating from the Mississippian period (800-1350AD) Cahokia Mounds, covering 3,950 acres, is the earliest and largest pre-Columbian archaeological site north of Mexico; and it is the pre-eminent example of a cultural, religious and economic center of the prehistoric Mississippian cultural tradition, which extended throughout the Mississippi Valley and the south-eastern United States; and

**Whereas**, with its peak between 1050 and 1150AD, Cahokia Mounds is an early and exceptional example of the pre-urban/urban structuring, graphically demonstrating the existence of a society in which a powerful political and economic hierarchy was responsible for the organization of labor, agriculture and trade; and this is reflected in the size and layout of the settlement and the nature and structure of the public and private buildings; and

**Whereas**, Cahokia Mounds' unique role in the nation's history was recognized by the National Park Service through its designation as a National Historic Landmark in 1964 and its placement on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966; and

**Whereas**, Cahokia Mounds' global significance was recognized by the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) through its designation as a World Heritage Site in 1982; and

**Whereas**, since 1925 state, local and private funds have been invested in the Cahokia Mounds Historic Site of acquisition and protection, and a formal national park service designation would capitalize on this investment; and

**Whereas**, since 2012 with guidance from the Indian Nations, federal agencies, Illinois and Missouri state agencies and local units of governments, HeartLands Conservancy developed a thorough, compelling and rigorous study, ***The Mounds – America's First Cities Feasibility Study***, that met the National Park Services' standards and criteria demonstrating the feasibility of elevation the status and national designation of the Cahokia Mounds, the surrounding mound complexes in the region and their significance, suitability, and feasibility as a potential formal unit of the National Park Service, which would ensure that these precious ancient archaeological resources are protected and accessible for all people to experience; and

**Whereas**, there are no other mounds within the National Park Service that represent the Mississippian Culture as holistically and uniquely as Cahokia Mounds. Combined with the surrounding satellite mound centers, Cahokia emerges as the most significant and unsurpassed example of its time period; and

**Whereas**, legislation will be introduced in Congress to create the Mississippian Culture National Historical Park in Southwestern Illinois and Eastern Missouri with thematically-connected non-contiguous mound complexes in the St. Louis Metro Region; recognizing the significance of the Mississippian Culture and the unique national significance through its representation of agriculture, ancestral and America's first cities.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained** by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Troy, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Resolution verbatim, as findings of the City Council of the City of Troy, Illinois.


SECTION 2: That suitable copies of this Resolution be delivered to Governor Bruce Rauner, U.S. Senators Richard Durbin and Mark Kirk, Members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis and President Barack Obama.

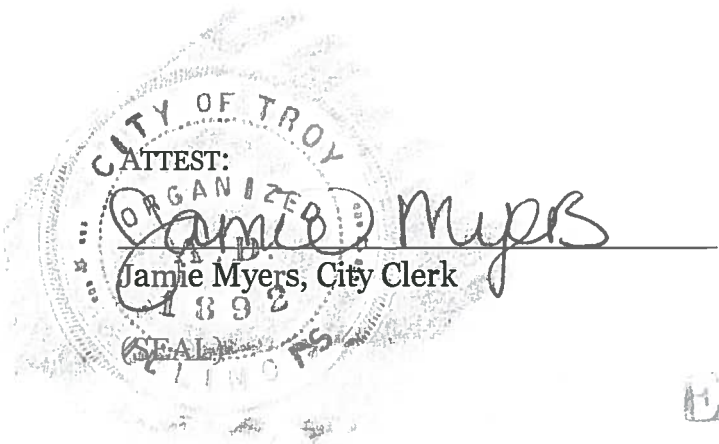
SECTION 3: That the City of Troy, Illinois, urges Congress to pass a bill establishing Cahokia Mounds as nationally significant and in public ownership as the Mississippian Culture National Historical Park, and calls upon President Barack Obama to exercise his authority by executive order under the Antiquities Act to designate them as a National Monument.

**Passed** by the City Council of the City of Troy, Madison County, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and deposited in the office of the City Clerk this Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of August, 2016.

Aldermen:

DeCarli <u>Aye</u>	Italiano <u>Aye</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Dyer <u>Aye</u>	Jackson <u>Aye</u>	<u>8</u> Ayes
Greenfield <u>Aye</u>	Partney <u>Aye</u>	<u>0</u> Nays
Hendrickson <u>Aye</u>	Turner <u>Aye</u>	

APPROVED:  
  
Allen P. Adomite  
Mayor, City of Troy, Illinois



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