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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SLAUGHTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women’s Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women’s suffrage, 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 “National Women’s  
5 Rights History Project Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF VOTES FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY**  
2 **TRAIL ROUTE AS A FEATURE OF THE WOM-**  
3 **EN'S RIGHTS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

4 Title XVI of Public Law 96-607 (16 U.S.C. 410*ll*)  
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 1602. VOTES FOR WOMEN TRAIL.**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) PARK.—The term ‘Park’ means the Wom-  
9 en’s Rights National Historical Park established by  
10 section 1601.

11 “(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means  
12 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
13 rector of the National Park Service.

14 “(3) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the State  
15 of New York.

16 “(4) TRAIL.—The term ‘Trail’ means the Votes  
17 for Women History Trail Route designated under  
18 subsection (b).

19 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAIL ROUTE.—The Sec-  
20 retary, with concurrence of the agency having jurisdiction  
21 over the relevant roads, may designate a vehicular tour  
22 route, to be known as the ‘Votes for Women History Trail  
23 Route’, to link properties in the State that are historically  
24 and thematically associated with the struggle for women’s  
25 suffrage in the United States.

1           “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Trail shall be adminis-  
2   tered by the National Park Service through the Park.

3           “(d) ACTIVITIES.—To facilitate the establishment of  
4   the Trail and the dissemination of information regarding  
5   the Trail, the Secretary shall—

6           “(1) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-  
7   cational materials regarding the Trail, such as hand-  
8   books, maps, exhibits, signs, interpretive guides, and  
9   electronic information;

10          “(2) coordinate the management, planning, and  
11   standards of the Trail in partnership with partici-  
12   pating properties, other Federal agencies, and State  
13   and local governments;

14          “(3) create and adopt an official, uniform sym-  
15   bol or device to mark the Trail; and

16          “(4) issue guidelines for the use of the symbol  
17   or device adopted under paragraph (3).

18          “(e) ELEMENTS OF TRAIL ROUTE.—Subject to the  
19   consent of the owner of the property, the Secretary may  
20   designate as an official stop on the Trail—

21          “(1) all units and programs of the Park relat-  
22   ing to the struggle for women’s suffrage;

23          “(2) other Federal, State, local, and privately  
24   owned properties that the Secretary determines have

1 a verifiable connection to the struggle for women's  
2 suffrage; and

3 “(3) other governmental and nongovernmental  
4 facilities and programs of an educational, commemo-  
5 rative, research, or interpretive nature that the Sec-  
6 retary determines to be directly related to the strug-  
7 gle for women's suffrage.

8 “(f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA  
9 OF UNDERSTANDING.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate the establish-  
11 ment of the Trail and to ensure effective coordina-  
12 tion of the Federal and non-Federal properties des-  
13 igned as stops along the Trail, the Secretary may  
14 enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of  
15 understanding with, and provide technical and finan-  
16 cial assistance to, other Federal agencies, the State,  
17 localities, regional governmental bodies, and private  
18 entities.

19 “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
20 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
21 retary such sums as are necessary for the period of  
22 fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide financial  
23 assistance to cooperating entities pursuant to agree-  
24 ments or memoranda entered into under paragraph  
25 (1).”.

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS HISTORY PROJECT NA-**  
2 **TIONAL REGISTRY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-  
4 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) may make annual  
5 grants to State historic preservation offices for not more  
6 than 5 years to assist the State historic preservation of-  
7 fices in surveying, evaluating, and nominating to the Na-  
8 tional Register of Historic Places women’s rights history  
9 properties.

10 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—In making grants under sub-  
11 section (a), the Secretary shall give priority to grants re-  
12 lating to properties associated with the multiple facets of  
13 the women’s rights movement, such as politics, economics,  
14 education, religion, and social and family rights.

15 (c) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall ensure that the  
16 National Register travel itinerary website entitled “Places  
17 Where Women Made History” is updated to contain—

18 (1) the results of the inventory conducted under  
19 subsection (a); and

20 (2) any links to websites related to places on  
21 the inventory.

22 (d) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—The Federal  
23 share of the cost of any activity carried out using any as-  
24 sistance made available under this section shall be 50 per-  
25 cent.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
3 out this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010  
4 through 2014.

5 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS HISTORY PROJECT**  
6 **PARTNERSHIPS NETWORK.**

7 (a) GRANTS.—The Secretary may make matching  
8 grants and give technical assistance for development of a  
9 network of governmental and nongovernmental entities  
10 (referred to in this section as the “network”), the purpose  
11 of which is to provide interpretive and educational pro-  
12 gram development of national women’s rights history, in-  
13 cluding historic preservation.

14 (b) MANAGEMENT OF NETWORK.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, through  
16 a competitive process, designate a nongovernmental  
17 managing network to manage the network.

18 (2) COORDINATION.—The nongovernmental  
19 managing entity designated under paragraph (1)  
20 shall work in partnership with the Director of the  
21 National Park Service and State historic preserva-  
22 tion offices to coordinate operation of the network.

23 (c) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the  
25 cost of any activity carried out using any assistance

1       made available under this section shall be 50 per-  
2       cent.

3               (2) STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OF-  
4       FICES.—Matching grants for historic preservation  
5       specific to the network may be made available  
6       through State historic preservation offices.

7               (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
8       authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
9       out this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010  
10      through 2014.