

A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2010.10

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO OVERSEE AND OPERATE GRANT'S FARM

WHEREAS, the Town of Grantwood Village, incorporated in 1937 as a small residential community bordering the ancestral homes of the Dent and Busch families; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grantwood Village, in efforts to recognize and preserve the historical lands which encompass and surround the Village, annexed Grant's Farm in 1966 and The Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Grant's Farm has served for generations as the home of the August A. Busch family, an emigrant family who came to America and built a business dynasty that contributed to the employment of thousands of Americans for several generations and whose generosity affected the lives of Americans in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Grantwood Village consider Grant's Farm an extraordinary treasure, and are happy to welcome the thousands of visitors who travel from all over the world to enjoy the Farm and learn about the animals and attractions so graciously granted to the public by the Busch Family; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grantwood Village commends the National Park Service, its staff, historians, and all who worked to restore the White Haven estate to its original splendor, thereby giving all of us an insight into and an education of the lives of President Ulysses S. Grant, his wife, native St. Louisian and First Lady of our Country, Julia Dent, and those who walked these lands before us; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grantwood Village, with the best interest of current Village and neighboring residents, future generations, and, with the highest respect to lands once loved and occupied by these historic families, believes this land and these facilities would best be preserved under the protection of the National Park Service in order that they remain, as they are today, a valued treasure which provides learning experiences and great pleasure to visitors; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GRANTWOOD VILLAGE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: In recognition of the value and importance of Grant's Farm to the Town of Grantwood Village and the surrounding community, and with the best interests of its current residents and future generations in mind, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Grantwood Village hereby fully supports the expansion of the National Park Service to oversee and operate Grant's Farm.

PASSED ON THE 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2010 BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GRANTWOOD VILLAGE, MISSOURI.

ATTEST

Cathy Forand
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Richard Muraski - Village Clerk