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# H. R. 2897

To authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2017

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT**  
2 **AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DISTRICT OF CO-**  
3 **LUMBIA AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR**  
4 **OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGE-**  
5 **MENT OF UNITS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYS-**  
6 **TEM IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Mayor of the District of  
8 Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service  
9 may enter into cooperative management agreements under  
10 section 101703 of title 54, United States Code, for the  
11 operation, maintenance, and management of units of the  
12 National Park System located in the District of Columbia,  
13 including the design and construction of improvements to  
14 such units.

15 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A cooperative man-  
16 agement agreement entered into under this section may  
17 include such terms and conditions as may be agreed to  
18 by the Mayor and Director, including terms and conditions  
19 relating to—

20 (1) the allocation of responsibility for the oper-  
21 ation, maintenance, and management of a unit of  
22 the National Park System between the District of  
23 Columbia and the National Park Service; and

24 (2) the payment of funds by the National Park  
25 Service and the District of Columbia in support of  
26 the agreement.

1 (c) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—

2 (1) TREATMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AS  
3 A STATE FOR PURPOSES OF COOPERATIVE MANAGE-  
4 MENT AGREEMENTS UNDER TITLE 54.—Section  
5 101703 of title 54, United States Code, is amended  
6 by adding at the end the following:

7 “(d) DEFINITION OF STATE.—For the purposes of  
8 this section, the term ‘State’ means each of the several  
9 States and the District of Columbia.”.

10 (2) ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT.—Nothing in sub-  
11 chapter III of chapter 13 or subchapter II of chap-  
12 ter 15 of title 31, United States Code (commonly  
13 known as the “Anti-Deficiency Act”) may be con-  
14 strued to prohibit the payment or use of funds by  
15 the District of Columbia or the National Park Serv-  
16 ice to carry out a cooperative management agree-  
17 ment entered into under this Act, in accordance with  
18 the terms and conditions of the agreement.

19 (3) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT.—  
20 Nothing in section 602(a)(3) of the District of Co-  
21 lumbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.03(a)(3), D.C.  
22 Official Code) may be construed to prohibit the Dis-  
23 trict of Columbia from operating, maintaining, or  
24 managing a unit of the National Park System in ac-  
25 cordance with the terms and conditions of a coopera-

1 tive management agreement entered into under this  
2 Act.

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