



**RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES OF
STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI**

A resolution of the Missouri Parks Association, meeting in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, on the occasion of its 30th anniversary, on September 30, 2012, expressing its concerns for cultural resources highly significant to the early history of Ste. Genevieve, of the State of Missouri, and of the United States of America.

Whereas, Ste. Genevieve and its historical resources are a National Historic Landmark of the United States; and

Whereas, not all of the significant historical features of the vicinity fall within the boundaries of the City of Ste. Genevieve nor the Ste. Genevieve National Landmark District, specifically including: the big common field, the only remaining undisturbed portion of the original town site of Ste. Genevieve (an archaeological site of surpassing significance that has never been excavated), the Delassus-Kern House, the town site of New Bourbon, and the 18th century salt manufactory *La Saline*; and

Whereas, Ste. Genevieve is the oldest town in the State of Missouri, and the big common field the best remaining example of this 18th century cultural landscape type, and both, in conjunction with the Saline and the site of New Bourbon, constitute a historical resource uniquely illustrating the French colonial presence in the heart of North America; and

Whereas, the care and preservation of such a great number of historic resources spread over a large area requires concerted effort and cooperation between private individuals, citizen organizations and government agencies at all levels; and

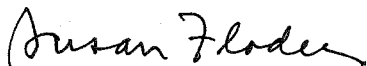
Whereas, the Missouri Division of State Parks has acquired a number of historic structures within the City of Ste. Genevieve and beyond, including two vertical log houses in traditional French colonial style fronting on the big common field, the Bauvais-Amoureux at the southern edge of new Ste. Genevieve and the Delassus-Kern three miles further south directly overlooking the common field and the old town archaeological site; and

Whereas, the National Park Service is engaged in a study of the feasibility of designating a portion of Ste. Genevieve bordering the big common field as a unit of the National Park System or otherwise assisting in the cooperative management or interpretation of the area's extraordinary cultural resources;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Missouri Parks Association that:

1. The Division of State Parks is hereby commended for beginning the first stages of preservation of the Delassus-Kern House and for giving assurance that all needed steps for preservation of the structure finally will proceed as rapidly as possible;
2. The Division of State Parks, the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are urged to closely monitor the development of the New Bourbon Port facility adjacent to the old town archaeological site and the big common field, to insure that all provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, subsequent legislation and Executive Orders are observed; to insure that a current Section 106 Review has been conducted on all existing plans and future anticipated expansions of the facility; and finally to insure that both the Old Town site and the Common Field site will not be encroached upon by further development of the port facility in the future;
3. The Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve, the City of Ste. Genevieve, the Division of State Parks, and the National Park Service are urged to work cooperatively toward defining an appropriate role for the National Park Service to undertake, including a permanent presence in Ste. Genevieve, as an active partner in protecting and promoting the French Colonial heritage of Missouri and the nation.

Unanimously approved this 30th day of September 2012 in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, by the board and officers of the Missouri Parks Association.



President