

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE
VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK AND CAMPAIGN, A 501 (C)(3)
CORPORATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21-17-1(8) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE

WHEREAS, the **Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign**, established in 2008, was created to help preserve the tangible reminders of bravery and perseverance of those soldiers who fought in the Civil War in Vicksburg, Mississippi and is the official non-profit partner for Vicksburg National Military Park (VNMP); and

WHEREAS, due to the philanthropic contributions and support provided by the Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign, the Vicksburg National Military Park is heralded as the most visited attraction in Vicksburg and the state of Mississippi generating much needed economic relief to the Vicksburg-Warren County community; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2025, the federal government shutdown which could adversely affect VNMP operations if the park is required to close during the shutdown which could cost the City of Vicksburg tourism revenue from visitors at the park; and

WHEREAS, since VNMP is not being funded by the federal government during the shutdown, the Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign have provided funds to keep VNMP open to visitors which include four riverboats full of visitors as well as a film crew from PBS filming an America 250 travel series featuring VNMP; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign have requested financial assistance from the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi to provide operating funds so that the park does not have to close during the federal shutdown; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 17-17-1(8), 1972 as amended, the City of Vicksburg will expend municipal funds to match funds of the Friends of Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign, a 501(c)(3) corporation in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 as a one time payment to keep the Vicksburg National Military Park open for tourists during the federal government shut down; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign will provide to the City of Vicksburg, by and through the City Clerk's Office, a weekly itemized invoice detailing the daily operating expenses of the park and provide a listing of other financial contributions received from other governmental entities or private donors. Once the federal shut down ends, if any unused funds remain from the City's payment to the Friends of Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign, then said unused funds shall immediately be returned to the City of Vicksburg.

SO RESOLVED this the 3rd day of November, 2025.

WILLIS THOMPSON, MAYOR

THOMAS J. MAYFIELD, ALDERMAN

VICKIE Y. BAILEY, ALDERWOMAN

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF WARREN

CITY OF VICKSBURG

I, Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, the duly and legally appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, do hereby certify that I am charged by law with the custody of the records of the City of Vicksburg, including Minute Books, etc. and further certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE VICKSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK AND CAMPAIGN, A 501 (C)(3) CORPORATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 21-17-1(8) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE in a Regular Board Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg held on Monday, November 3, 2025.

WITNESS my signature and seal of the City of Vicksburg this the 3rd day of November 2025.

DEBORAH A. KAISER-NICKSON, CITY CLERK



Friends of VNMP & Campaign

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Date: October 28, 2025

To:

City of Vicksburg

For:

Contribution of matching funds to support minimal operations to keep the Vicksburg National Military Park open during the government shutdown.

DESCRIPTION	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
VNMP basic operations during government shutdown 10/2/2025 through 10/28/2025 = \$54,000 - city match for donations - \$7,500			\$7,500.00
TOTAL			\$7,500.00

Make all checks payable to: Friends of VNMP & Campaign

Thank you!