

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF THE FORT ANCIENT  
EARTHWORKS, THE NEWARK EARTHWORKS, HOPEWELL CULTURE  
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, SERPENT MOUND, AND SUNWATCH  
INDIAN VILLAGE/ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK AS WORLD HERITAGE  
SITES**

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Ancient Earthworks in Warren County, the Newark Earthworks in Licking County, the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in Ross County, Serpent Mound in Adams County, and SunWatch Indian Village/Archaeological Park in Montgomery County are all outstanding examples of internationally significant archaeological sites within Ohio and recognized as National Historic Landmarks; and

**WHEREAS**, investigation of these Ohio sites were important foundations for scientific archaeology in North America and were some of first archaeological sites to be preserved in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) administers a listing of World Heritage Sites of the most outstanding examples of the world's cultural and natural heritage, presently listing 830 World Heritage Sites in 138 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, only 20 World Heritage Sites are located in the United States, none within Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Historical Society and the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park have performed a series of public hearings and are working in tandem to submit two nominations to the World Heritage Committee recognizing the Fort Ancient Earthworks, the Newark Earthworks, the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, Serpent Mound, and SunWatch Indian Village/Archaeological Park as World Heritage Sites;

**THEREFORE**, \_\_\_\_\_ finds it is wholly appropriate that these extraordinary marvels of ancient American Indian architecture and ceremonial life be recognized as World Heritage sites. Further, it has been demonstrated that placing archaeological and cultural sites on the World Heritage List will lead to increased tourism to these and other related Ohio historic and archaeological sites and to a greater worldwide appreciation of Ohio's American Indian heritage.