

# STATE PARKS PARTNERSHIP COMPACT

**1. Purpose.** This COMPACT establishes a mutual understanding between the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Department of Education's Division of Technical Education and Governor's Economic Initiatives, the West Virginia Department of Commerce, and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

**2. Project Scope.** Whereas, all parties recognize the importance of education, as well as, serving the community, and providing opportunities for the young men and women in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs across West Virginia to gain authentic work experiences.

Whereas, West Virginia's natural beauty, rich history, and abundant collection of cultural and recreational resources provides educational and financial opportunities for our state, this COMPACT creates a shared role, among all parties in engaging West Virginia's emerging workforce to help revitalize our state parks and make a long term impact in communities across our state.

Whereas, the partnership between the West Virginia Department of Education's Division of Technical Education and Governor's Economic Initiatives and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will create opportunities for students to enhance their leadership and technical skills by collaborating with state parks to plan, create, and develop products that will be used to rejuvenate West Virginia state parks.

**3. This COMPACT is intended to establish expectations for cooperation among COMPACT parties as per agreements below:**

**A. The West Virginia Department of Education will:**

- Promote this partnership and encourage CTE programs to actively participate in this community development initiative.

**B. The West Virginia Department of Commerce will:**

- Promote this partnership and encourage state parks to actively participate.

**C. The West Virginia Department of Education's Division of Technical Education and Governor's Economic Initiatives will:**

- Assist in connecting CTE Simulated Workplace Companies with State Park Superintendents to implement and develop project plans.
- Work with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources to track project implementation and assist in documenting return on investment.

**D. The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will:**

- Work with State Park Superintendents to identify and classify specific projects within the scope of the Simulated Workplace companies' skillsets.
- Collaborate with the West Virginia Department of Education's Division of Technical Education and Governor's Economic Initiatives to provide project materials as well as assist with documenting project implementation and return on investment.

**4. Termination.** Any of the parties hereto may terminate this COMPACT upon a 30 day notice to the other parties.

**5. Participation.** Under this COMPACT in no way obligates the West Virginia Government to any financial or contractual obligations.

**6. Effective Date.** This COMPACT will become effective on the date signed by representatives of the West Virginia Department of Education and the West Virginia Department of Commerce and will be reviewed two years after the effective date and, if deemed necessary by the Compact partners, be re-signed.

*Signed this day, November 8, 2017*

