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Memorandum

To: Comptroller
Associate Director, Partnerships and Visitor Experience
Regional Directors

From: *for* Assistant Director for Business Services *Opal Pendry*

Subject: Presidential \$1 Coin Act Requirements

The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance to all parks on the Presidential \$1 Coin Act requirements.

The Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005 (the Act), referred to by the United States Mint (US Mint) as the Presidential \$1 Coin Program, is authorized by Public Law 109-145. The Act commemorates the service of American presidents by issuing \$1 coins at a rate of four per year, in the order of their service, beginning in 2007.

Parks and any entity operating therein (including concessioners, cooperating associations, and any other entity that operates a business managed or within control of the National Park Service (NPS)) must be fully capable of accepting and dispensing the Presidential \$1 coin as legal tender in compliance with the law. This means that parks need to accept the Presidential \$1 coin and have the ability to dispense them through their cash registers in transactions along with other currency. Vending machines shall accept the Presidential \$1 coin and if there are change machines that accept \$5 dollar bills or higher denominations, those machines should also have the ability to dispense Presidential \$1 coins in change.

In addition, the law requires parks to display signs and notices denoting such capability on the premises where coins or currency are accepted or dispensed, including on each vending machine. The signs and vending machine decals are available free of charge from the US Mint. Please go to the following US Mint website and order any signage or informational materials that your park requires and these will be shipped directly and free of charge:
[http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/\\$1coin/index.cfm](http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/$1coin/index.cfm).

The Department of the Interior guidance is attached for your reference. We encourage you to share this information with your parks to ensure they are aware of the requirements and take action to ensure compliance.

Please ensure widest dissemination.

Attachment