



February 14, 2023

Rep. Ken Rahjes, Chairman
House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairman Rahjes and Members of the House Committee of Agriculture and Natural Resources,

The City of Iola is proud to express support for HB2331, creating Lehigh Portland State Park.

The City of Iola sees Lehigh Portland's designation as an opportunity to improve the lives of the citizens of Iola and southeast Kansas. The designation will enrich the fabric of our community by increasing recreation opportunities for boating, fishing, and swimming. The state park will provide a trail system for increased physical activity for walkers, runners and bicyclists.

Additionally, the state park provides the opportunity to become an economic hub for the City of Iola and other southeast Kansas communities. Establishing the Lehigh Portland State Park also presents the unique opportunity of establishing a state park within the city limits of Iola.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Steven C. French" and the second is "Matthew S. Rehder".

Steven C. French,
Mayor
City of Iola

Matthew S. Rehder,
City Administrator
City of Iola

Iola City Council Members:
Josiah D'Albini
Nickolas Kinder
Joel Wicoff
Carl Slaugh
Nicholas Lohman
Kim Peterson
Joelle Sallah
Mark Peters

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Iola is proud to be considered for a Kansas State Park, which will improve the lives of Iola and southeast Kansas citizens; and

WHEREAS, a state park will enrich the fabric of our community; and

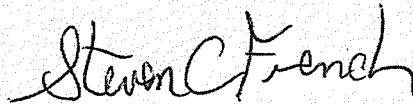
WHEREAS, a state park provides recreational opportunities for boating, fishing, and swimming; and

WHEREAS, a state park will provide a trail system for increased physical activity for walkers, runners and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, a state park can become an economic hub for the City of Iola and other southeast Kansas communities; and

WHEREAS, this occasion presents such a moment with the opportunity to establish the Lehigh Portland State Park within the city limits of the City of Iola; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steven French, Mayor of Iola, Kansas, and the members of the Iola City Council, do hereby declare our support for the establishment of the Lehigh Portland State Park.



Steven French
Mayor
City of Iola

