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Myron Johnson Appointed Mackinac Island State Park Manager

MACKINAC ISLAND — Mackinac State Historic Parks (MSHP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Myron Johnson to the position of Park Manager 13 for Mackinac Island State Park. Myron began work in his new position on Monday, July 29, replacing retired park manager Sue Topham.

Myron began his employment with MSHP in 2001 as a seasonal Guest Service Representative and later as an Airport Aide. He was hired as a permanent employee in 2004 as a Park Ranger 6, and was steadily promoted as a Park Ranger until reaching the highest level, 9. Most recently, Myron had been serving as the Mackinac Island State Park Supervisor.

“Above all, I feel honored to be given the opportunity to serve as the park manager of Michigan’s oldest state park. I look forward to working with our very talented staff to preserve and protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources that makes Mackinac such a special place to so many people,” Johnson said. “I am excited for the coming year, which will see, among many other projects, the completion of the restroom and shelter building outside of Fort Mackinac, the final phase of the Mackinac Island Airport terminal remodel, and the creation of a new roadside park at the old powerhouse site on M-185. It will be very exciting to be a part of making these different projects come together.”

Myron is a graduate of Gwinn High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northern Michigan University in History and Political Science. He also received his Teacher Certification from Northern Michigan University. Myron has received many awards of recognition throughout his

working years with MSHP and has twice received the Director's Award for his overall dedication to Mackinac State Historic Parks.

"I'm thrilled that Myron is our new Mackinac Island State Park Manager," said Mackinac State Historic Parks Director Phil Porter. "He brings the perfect set of skills, experience, and personality to succeed in this position."

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan's Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Association of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island State Park, Historic Downtown, and The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse and Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at 231-436-4100 or on the web at www.MackinacParks.com.

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