



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3337

Subject: Change of the Name of Mount McKinley to Denali

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** The purpose of this Order is to change the name of Mount McKinley to Denali.

Sec. 2 **Background.** On March 11, 1975, Governor Jay S. Hammond of the State of Alaska, in furtherance of a resolution passed by the Alaska State Legislature, formally requested that the Secretary of the Interior direct the United States Board on Geographic Names (Board) to change the name of "Mount McKinley" to "Denali." Denali is a local Athabascan name for the mountain, which is the highest in North America and is located entirely within Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. The mountain was originally named after President William McKinley of Ohio, but President McKinley never visited, nor did he have any significant historical connection to, the mountain or to Alaska.

The requested name change is consistent with the Board's substantive policies and is supported by the State of Alaska. While the Board does have a policy of deferring action when a matter is being considered by Congress, contradictory bills on this issue have been proposed by various members of Congress since the late 1970s. Under 43 U.S.C. §§ 364-364f, the Secretary of the Interior may take action in matters "wherein the Board does not act within a reasonable time." The statute also directs the Secretary to "promulgate in the name of the Board ... decisions with respect to geographic names and principles of geographic nomenclature and orthography."

Sec. 3 **Authority.** The authority for this Order is 43 U.S.C. §§ 364-364f.

Sec. 4 **Renaming of Mount McKinley.** This Order changes the name of Mount McKinley in the State of Alaska to Denali.

Sec. 5 **Implementation.** The Board is responsible for following its usual procedures to immediately implement this name change, including changing the mountain's name in the Board's Geographic Names Information System and notifying all interested parties of the name change.

Sec. 6 **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until it is amended, superseded, revoked, or automatically expires. This Order shall automatically expire when the Board notifies me that it has notified all interested parties, changed the name in the Board's Geographic Names Information System, and taken all other appropriate actions to implement the name change.


Secretary of the Interior

Date: **AUG 28 2015**