WHEREAS, Wrigley Field is the oldest standing National League ballpark and the second-oldest major league ballpark; and

WHEREAS, Wrigley Field, having been built in 1914, has been the home of the Chicago Cubs baseball team since 1916; and

WHEREAS, Wrigley Field is also significant in the history of professional football, as being the longtime playing field for the Chicago Bears until the end of the 1970 season; and

WHEREAS, Wrigley Field is a property of exceptional national significance in the history of American sports; and

WHEREAS, Wrigley Field retains a high degree of material integrity due to its continuous use as a sports venue and as a result of recent historically appropriate rehabilitations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the national importance of Wrigley Field in Chicago, Illinois, and the events which occurred there, I, David L. Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior, do designate Wrigley Field a National Historic Landmark.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in recognition of this historic site, I have hereunto set my hand on this 17th day of September, the two hundred and forty-fifth year of independence of the United States of America.

Secretary of the Interior