

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - DB

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING H.R. 871, THE BEARS EARS EXPANSION AND RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY ACT, WHICH HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 116TH CONGRESS TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ENSURE PROMPT ENGAGEMENT WITH THE BEARS EARS COMMISSION AND PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 9558, DATED DECEMBER 28, 2016, ESTABLISHING THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT.

WHEREAS, for hundreds of generations native peoples have lived in the canyons and mountains and on the mesas that were included in the original Bears Ears National Monument, as established by Presidential Proclamation 9558, and as a result the area is one of the most significant cultural landscapes in the United States.

WHEREAS, records of generations of native habitation that tell the story of the subsistence of daily life, traditions, and ceremonies are contained in the rock art, cliff dwellings and other structures, and ceremonial sites within the original Bears Ears National Monument.

WHEREAS, historic remnants of Navajo hogans, pottery, sweat lodges, sheep-herding camps and farming are found throughout the area contained in the original Bears Ears National Monument.

WHEREAS, the cultural importance of the lands and resources in the original Bears Ears National Monument are sacred to many native peoples, including Navajo, Ute, Hopi and Zuni tribes.

WHEREAS, protecting the lands and resources contained in the original Bears Ears National Monument will help protect and preserve the cultural, prehistoric, historic records and legacy of native peoples, and the cultural traditions and practices that continue through today.

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2016, President Barack Obama issued Proclamation No. 9558, establishing the Bears Ears National Monument.

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, President Donald Trump issued Proclamation No. 9681, effectively dis-establishing and reducing the Bears Ears National Monument, in violation of the Antiquities Act of 1906.

WHEREAS, the decision by President Donald Trump to dis-establish the Bears Ears National Monument was taken without adequate consultation with Indian tribes and in blatant disregard of tribal interests.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2019, U.S. Representatives Ruben Gallego and Deb Haaland introduced H.R. 871, the Bears Ears Expansion and Respect for Sovereignty Act, in the U.S. House of Representatives. H.R. 871 includes provisions to restore the original boundaries of

the Bears Ears National Monument as set forth in Presidential Proclamation 9558 that originally established the Bears Ears National Monument, to ensure the proper care and management of the objects identified in Presidential Proclamation 9558 that originally established the Bears Ears National Monument, and to ensure that future management decisions reflect tribal expertise and traditional and historical knowledge regarding the lands and resources included in the Bears Ears National Monument.

WHEREAS, H.R. 871, the Bears Ears Expansion and Respect for Sovereignty Act, recognizes the cultural importance of the lands and resources in the original Bears Ears National Monument that are sacred to many native peoples, including Navajo, Ute, Hopi and Zuni tribes.

WHEREAS, protecting the lands and resources contained in the original Bears Ears National Monument and as set forth in the Bears Ears Expansion and Respect for Sovereignty Act will help protect and preserve the cultural, prehistoric, and historic records and legacy of native peoples and other cultures of San Juan County, and the cultural traditions and practices that continue through today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: The San Juan County Commission supports H.R. 871, the Bears Ears Expansion and Respect for Sovereignty Act.

Section 4: The San Juan County Commission directs the County Administrator to immediately transmit this Resolution to U.S. Representatives Ruben Gallegos and Deb Haaland.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this 19th day of March 2019.

Those voting aye: Commissioner Maryboy, Commissioner Grayeyes

Those voting nay: Commissioner Adams

Those abstaining: ~~0~~

Absent:

Board of San Juan County Commissioners



Kenneth Maryboy, Chairman

ATTEST:

John David Nielson
John David Nielson, County Clerk/Auditor