



**ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL
ZUNI, NEW MEXICO**

March 7, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. M70-2016-P014

Permanent Protection of Bears Ears Region through National Monument Designation

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and six Tenientes is declared to be the legislative authority of the Pueblo of Zuni by Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(d) of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe, to represent the tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribe, Also known as the Pueblo of Zuni, is a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, to protect the traditional cultural properties and sacred sites of ancestral Pueblo people is paramount to all and each Pueblo's cultural preservation now and in the future, and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears region of Southeastern Utah is historically, culturally, and spiritually tied to Native American tribes, including but not limited to, the Navajo, Hopi, Ute, and Zuni people; and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears region of Southeastern Utah holds immense importance for all the Pueblo people' identity and history, including and but not limited to, villages, shrines, burials, rock inscriptions, dwellings, and ancient transportation routes, as well as natural resources necessary for traditional and spiritual practice; and

WHEREAS, archaeological and cultural sites in the Bears Ears region face destruction, desecration, and violation from irresponsible motorized travel, energy development, mining, uneducated visitors, and looting of ancestral sites and burials; and

WHEREAS, to prevent harm and mitigate existing damage to the Bears Ears region the Pueblo of Zuni is seeking permanent protection; and

WHEREAS, the Antiquities Act of 1906 is an invaluable and essential tool in protecting Native American sacred and cultural sites in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Zuni is a member of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, a partnership with Hopi, Navajo, Ute Mountain Ute, and Uintah & Ouray Ute which is supported by the National Congress of American Indians and a total of 26 tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition is asking for a national monument designation using presidential authority for the Bears Ears region under the 1906 Antiquities Act; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Zuni supports collaborative management of the Bears Ears region between tribes and the federal government, and the government to government relationship shall ensure proper protection, preservation and management of the sacred ancestral sites and regions for all Pueblo people and Native Americans as whole; and

THEREFORE NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pueblo of Zuni, along with the other nineteen Pueblos, as well as Ute Mountain, Uintah & Ouray Ute, Navajo, and Hopi Nations stand together as one unified Native American coalition dedicated to the permanent protection of the Bears Ears region and its cultural and natural resources through a national monument designation

ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Absent-Cox
Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor

Head Councilmember - VACANT

Carleton R. Bowekaty
Carleton R. Bowekaty, Councilman

Councilmember - VACANT

Birdena Sanchez
Birdena Sanchez, Lt. Governor

Virginia R. Chavez
Virginia R. Chavez, Councilwoman

Audrey A. Simplicio
Audrey A. Simplicio, Councilwoman

Eric Bobelu
Eric Bobelu, Councilman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Zuni, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining on March 7, 2016.



Audrey A. Simplicio, Tribal Council Secretary
Pueblo of Zuni

APPROVED / DISAPPROVED



for Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor

3/7/16

Date