## SAN JUAN COUNTY UTAH RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 14

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNTIES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS THROUGH THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE NAVAJO GENERATING STATION

**WHEREAS**, San Juan County is a body politic of the State of Utah, having a population of roughly 16,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, as of January 2019, the unemployment rate for San Juan County was at 8.1%, compared to the state unemployment rate of 3.2% and the national rate of 4.0%; and

WHEREAS, employment opportunities for San Juan County residents, especially for those in the southern part of the county are limited and contribute to San Juan County's higher than average unemployment rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navajo Generating Station, a power plant located on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations, is slated to be closed later this year;

WHEREAS, the Navajo Generating Station is powered by coal provided solely by the Kayenta Coal Mine on Black Mesa in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County residents, especially on the southern end of the county, derive employment opportunities from the continued operation of the Navajo Generating Station and would suffer economically from its closing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of San Juan County Commissioners as follows:

1. That San Juan County supports employment opportunities for county residents through the continued operation of the Navajo Generating Station.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this <u>No</u> day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

Those voting aye: Commissioner Waryboy,	Commissioner	Grayeyes,	Commissioner	Adams
Those voting nay:				
Absent:				

**BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** 

## Kenneth Maryboy, Chairman

ATTEST:

John David Nielson, County Clerk/Auditor