

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 16

REQUESTING THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. MAKE IT A PRIORITY OF HIS NEW ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO RESTORE THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT.

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2019, the San Juan County Commission approved Resolution No. 2019-05, **Resolution Rescinding All Prior Resolutions of the San Juan County Commission Opposing the Establishment of the Bears Ears National Monument or Calling for the Dis-Establishment or Reduction of the Bears Ears National Monument, Specifically Rescinding Resolutions Nos. 2015-09 (A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County, Utah, Supporting Locally-Driven Land Management Planning and Opposing Presidential Designation of a National Monument(s) Through Authority of the Antiquities Act of 1906, 2016-08 (Deficiencies of a Proposal of a Non-Governmental Organization for Establishment of a National Monument in San Juan County; Notification of County Prerogatives and Intent for Land Use Planning), and 2017-02 (Resolution Requesting and Recommending the Reversal of the Designation of the Bears Ears Area as a National Monument), Condemning the Actions of Donald Trump in Violating the Antiquities Act of 1906 by Unlawfully Reducing the Bears Ears National Monument through the Proclamation of December 4, 2017 (No. 9681) and Calling Upon the United States to Fully Restore the Bears Ears National Monument** (referred to below as the "Restoration Resolution"). A copy of the Restoration Resolution is attached.

WHEREAS, the Restoration Resolution condemned the unlawful actions of President Donald Trump by dis-establishing the Bears Ears National Monument in violation of the Antiquities Act of 1906 and called upon President Trump to immediately withdraw Proclamation No. 9681 and to fully restore the Bears Ears National Monument as originally designated in Proclamation No. 9558.

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2019, the San Juan County Commission approved Resolution No. 2019-21, **Supporting S. 367, The "America's Natural Treasures of Immeasurable Quality Unite, Inspire, and Together Improve the Economies of States (Antiquities Act of 2019" (Antiquities Act of 2019) and H.R. 1050, The United States House of Representatives Version of the Antiquities Act of 2019** (referred to below as the "Antiquities Act of 2019 Resolution"). A copy of the Antiquities Act of 2019 Resolution is attached.

WHEREAS, the gist of the Antiquities Act of 2019 Resolution was an official expression of support by San Juan County for Congressional creation of an expanded version of the Bears Ears National Monument.

WHEREAS, President Trump took no action to restore the Bears Ears National Monument.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of San Juan County for President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr., to make it a priority of his new administration to reverse the unlawful reduction of the Bears Ears National Monument, and restore it as originally designated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: San Juan County continues to support the restoration of the Bears Ears National Monument as originally designated in Proclamation 9558.

Section 2: The San Juan County Commission calls upon President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr., to make it a priority of his new administration to swiftly withdraw Proclamation No. 9681 and to fully restore the Bears Ears National Monument as originally designated in Proclamation No. 9558.

Section 3: The San Juan County Commission directs the County Manager to immediately transmit this Resolution to the Office of the President-elect and other interested government agencies and to then report to the Commission whether the Resolution has been delivered.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this 1st day of December 2020.


Those voting aye: Commissioners Maryboy and Grayeyes

Those voting nay: Commissioner Adams

Those abstaining: N/A

Absent: 0

Board of San Juan County Commissioners


Kenneth Maryboy, Chairman

ATTEST:

John David Nielson
John David Nielson, County Clerk/Auditor