

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 12

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE FRANK HARRISON, ELIZABETH PERATROVICH, AND MIGUEL TRUJILLO NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2021 (NAVRA)**

**WHEREAS**, the United States has a trust responsibility to enact voting rights legislation to protect the constitutionally-guaranteed right of Native Americans to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has declared that “the right of citizens of the United States to vote is a fundamental right”, and “it is the duty of the Federal, State, and local governments to promote the exercise of that right”<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American voters, including those in San Juan County Utah, have historically faced unique challenges when exercising their right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 5008 was introduced in the United States House of Representative with bi-partisan support on August 13, 2021, as the “Frank Harrison, Elizabeth Peratrovich and Miguel Trujillo Native American Voting Rights Act of 2021”<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, The Native American Voting Rights Act would improve access to the ballot box by, among other provisions, creating a task force grant program to increase voter outreach and education services, ensuring Tribes may specify the number and locations of requested voter registration sites, drop boxes and polling locations on Tribal lands, and ensuring authorized Tribal ID cards may be used for voting purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, all elections -- county, state and federal -- should be fair and equally accessible for all voters in San Juan County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The San Juan County Commission hereby supports the “Frank Harrison, Elizabeth Peratrovich, and Miguel Trujillo Native American Voting Rights Act of 2021,” H.R. 5008, and urges Utah’s Delegation to the United States Congress to enact the Native American Voting Rights Act.

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<sup>1</sup> National Voter Registration Act of 1993, 52 U.S.C. 20501(a)(1) and (a)(2)

<sup>2</sup> H.R.5008 - Frank Harrison, Elizabeth Peratrovich, and Miguel Trujillo Native American Voting Rights Act of 2021

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners  
this 21 day of September 2021.

Those voting aye: Willie Grayeyes, Bruce Adams

Those voting nay:

Those abstaining:

Absent: Kenneth Marybay

**Board of San Juan County Commissioners**



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**ATTEST:**



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