

**SAN JUAN COUNTY UTAH
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-_____**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTY
RESIDENTS THROUGH THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF KAYENTA MINE ON
BLACK MESA IN ARIZONA**

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 this contributes to San Juan County's higher than average unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, the Kayenta Coal Mine on Black Mesa in Arizona sits on the largest coal deposit in the United States at 21 billion tons of coal worth somewhere near \$100 billion dollars and is the sole mine feeding the Navajo Generating Station; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County residents, especially on the southern end of the county, derive employment opportunities from the continued operation of the Kayenta Mine on Black Mesa in Arizona.

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 Kayenta Coal Mine on Black Mesa in Arizona and would suffer economically if the Navajo Generating Station is closed because that closure would force the closure of the Kayenta Mine on Black Mesa.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this ____ day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

Those voting aye: _____

Those voting nay: _____

Absent: _____

BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kenneth Maryboy, Chairman

ATTEST:

John David Nielson, County Clerk/Auditor