

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - _____

SUPPORTING S. 367, THE “AMERICA’S NATURAL TREASURES OF IMMEASURABLE QUALITY UNITE, INSPIRE, AND TOGETHER IMPROVE THE ECONOMIES OF STATES (ANTIQUITIES ACT) ACT OF 2019” (ANTIQUITIES ACT OF 2019) AND H.R. 1050, THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VERSION OF THE ANTIQUITIES ACT OF 2019.

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, President Donald Trump issued Proclamation No. 9681, effectively dis-establishing and reducing the Bears Ears National Monument, in violation of the Antiquities Act of 1906 and in excess of his executive authority.

WHEREAS, San Juan County has recently taken positions, through official actions contained in County Commission resolutions, condemning the unlawful action of President Trump regarding the Bears Ears National Monument.

WHEREAS, a permanent solution is needed to protect the Bears Ears National Monument and all national monuments from executive overreach.

WHEREAS, S. 367, the Antiquities Act of 2019, protects and enhances national monuments with three main provisions:

- It officially declares Congress’ support of the 52 national monuments established by presidents in both political parties between January 1996 and October 2018 under their authority as established by the Antiquities Act of 1906.
- It reinforces that existing law clearly states that presidential proclamations designating national monuments are valid and cannot be reduced or diminished, except by an act of Congress.
- It further enhances protections for the presidentially designated national monuments by:
 1. Requiring that the monuments be surveyed, mapped and that management plans be completed in two years – in the same manner as congressionally designated monuments – and
 2. Requiring that they receive additional resources to ensure that they will continue to meet their full potential of providing unmatched economic, recreational and cultural benefits to states, to Indian tribes and to the nation.

WHEREAS, the Antiquities Act of 2019 also expands protection for the Bears Ears National Monument to over 1.9 million acres and respects tribes by further directing that the Bears Ears National Monument be composed of the lands identified in the Bears Ears Tribal Coalition’s original proposal

WHEREAS, H.R. 1050 is the House of Representatives version of the Antiquities Act of 2019 and takes the same actions as those contained in S. 367.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: The San Juan County Commission supports S. 367, the Antiquities Act of 2019, and H.R. 1050, the House version of the Antiquities Act of 2019.

Section 2: The San Juan County Commission directs the County Administrator to immediately transmit this Resolution to U.S. Senator Tom Udall and Representative Debra A. Haaland.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this _____ day of _____ 2019.

Those voting aye:

Those voting nay:

Those abstaining:

Absent:

Board of San Juan County Commissioners

Kenneth Maryboy, Chairman

ATTEST:

John David Nielson, County Clerk/Auditor