



**Zuni Tribal Council
Zuni, New Mexico**

July 10, 2024

Resolution No. M70-2024-K087

Resolution Supporting America's Red Rock Wilderness Act

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and six Councilmembers I declared to be the legislative authority of the Pueblo of Zuni by Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council is authorized to represent the Tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe under Article VI Section 1 (d) of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes that lands in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act are aboriginal lands, and as such, contain the testimony of our ancestors' space and time since time immemorial, manifest in the prehistoric habitation sites, petroglyphs, pictographs, artifacts, and the human remains of our Thlewekwe ancestors, a branch of Zuni migration North to inhabit them, and are culturally and traditionally significant to Zuni heritage; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes that since time immemorial, our ancestral A:shiwi have lived in the canyons and mountains and on the mesas included in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act and these areas comprise one of the most significant cultural landscapes in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes that the petroglyphs, pictographs, cliff dwellings, and other structures and ceremonial sites on lands in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act are the critically important records of A:shiwi habitation story of the subsistence of daily life, traditions and ceremonies of generations past; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the cultural importance of the lands and resources included in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act are sacred to many peoples, including the Zuni Tribe and other Pueblo Tribes both within and outside the current borders of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes that important historic remnants of Zuni and ancestral Puebloan structures, camps, petroglyphs, pictographs, and pottery are included in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is aware that there are sensitive plants that are critical to Zuni traditional and ceremonial uses that grow in areas included in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is aware of many species of wildlife that are important to all of mankind that live in areas included in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe acknowledges that protecting the lands and resources included in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act will help protect and preserve the cultural prehistoric and historic records that are the legacy of Zuni peoples, and the plants and animals that are part of Zuni heritage and cultural tradition and practices that continue through today; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes that there are various activities, including mineral and alternative energy developments, unmanaged recreation, vandalism and looting, and road construction, that could harm the cultural and natural resources on lands included in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act; and


WHEREAS, the Zuni approach to life is all-encompassing and that every effort must be made to protect and conserve the environment for the benefit of all mankind.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Zuni Tribe agrees that a qualifying threat to the A:shiwí Ino:dekwe cultural landscapes within the State of Utah continue to exist and we continue to offer our complete support for the America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Zuni Tribe hereby supports wilderness designation for lands included in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Zuni Governor and Tribal Council and the Zuni Cultural Preservation Office are hereby authorized to continue consultations with other governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations, including the Southern Utah Wilderness Association, in continuing legislative efforts to enact into law the America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL



Arden Kucate, Governor



Anthony Sanchez, Jr., Head Councilman


Absent

Virginia R. Chavez, Councilwoman

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Cordelia Hooee, Lt. Governor



Ricky Penketewa, Sr., Councilman

for 

Birdena Sanchez, Councilwoman

Edward W. Wemytewa
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Absent
Shirley L. Bellson, Councilwoman

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council in a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present, and that the same was: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 2 absent on July 19 2024

Birdena Sanchez
Birdena Sanchez, Tribal Council Secretary

Approved /Disapproved

Arden Kucate
Arden Kucate, Governor

07-10-2024
Date

