



*San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe  
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**Resolution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe in Support of America’s Red Rock  
Wilderness Act**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-095**

**WHEREAS:** the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Council (“Council”) is authorized to represent the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe (“Tribe”) and act on all matters that concern the health and welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, as provided by Article V (a) of the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe (“Constitution”); and

**WHEREAS:** Article V(m) authorizes the Tribal Council “[t]o regulate all matters and to take all actions necessary to preserve and safeguard the health, safety, welfare and political integrity of the Tribe;” and

**WHEREAS:** the Tribal Council recognizes that since time immemorial, Ancestral San Juan Southern Paiute people 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 Tribal Council recognizes that lands in America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act are aboriginal lands, and as such, contain the testimony of Ancestral San Juan Southern Paiute’s occupation and use for thousands of years, manifest in the prehistoric habitation sites, petroglyphs, pictographs,, artifacts, and human remains; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes that the cultural importance of the lands and resources included in America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act are sacred to many peoples both within and outside the current borders of the State of Utah; and

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President*

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Northern Council*

*Natrone King  
Northern Council*

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

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council 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 Tribal Council recognizes that there are various activities, including mineral and energy development, 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

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

1. The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe supports the permanent, long-term protection of cultural resources and sacred sites on lands within the State of Utah and offers their complete support for the America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act.
2. The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe hereby supports wilderness designation for lands included in America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act.
3. The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe shall continue consultations and negotiations with other governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations, including the Southern Utah Wilderness Association, regarding continuing legislative efforts to enact into law and implement the America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of the Tribal Council, presented for approval on October 21, 2025, with a quorum of 5 in attendance, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent and 0 abstaining, pursuant to the authority contained under the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, as cited above.



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Carlene Yellowhair, President

**ATTEST:**



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Tamara Talaswaima, Tribal Secretary