

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND RECOMMENDING THE REVERSAL OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE BEARS EARS AREA AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Board of Garfield County Commissioners expresses its unanimous opposition to the U.S. Presidential National Monument designation on December 28, 1996, under the federal Antiquities Act of 1906 of approximately 1.35 million acres known as the Bears Ears area located in southeastern Utah. The area is more than twice the size of the State of Rhode Island and larger than the entire State of Delaware. To the extent there are historical or scientific objects within this vast area that may merit protection under the Antiquities Act, those specific areas or sites can be protected without designating all spaces in between as a national monument.

The Board of Garfield County Commissioners directs the Garfield County Clerk to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America and to other interested governmental agencies.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of Garfield County Commissioners this _____ day of April, 2017, by the following vote:

Those voting aye: _____

Those voting nay: _____

Absent: **O**

BOARD OF GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Leland F. Pollock, Chairman

ATTEST:

Camille A. Moore, County Clerk/Auditor