



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT MAINTAINING EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS UNDER REVIEW BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

**WHEREAS**, LULAC is our Nation's oldest, largest, and most respected Hispano/Latino civil rights organization, established in 1929. Our mission is to seek the advancement of Hispanic Americans in the areas of education, employment, and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Latinos and Hispanos have lived on lands now comprising the United States for more than 400 years, have a rich heritage that includes strongly-held values of conservation and fidelity to the land, and have made many important contributions to the culture and history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Latinos and Hispanos have advocated for our federal network of national monuments, parks, conservation lands, and other recognized sites to appropriately and adequately recognize our cultural heritage as part of our nation's heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, protected federal public lands and sites belong to all Americans and contribute to our quality of life and physical well-being, provide diverse recreational opportunities, and drive the outdoor recreation economy that contributes \$887 billion annually in consumer spending to the United States economy, directly supporting 7.6 million American jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump issued an Executive Order on April 26, 2017, calling for review of any national monument designated through the Antiquities Act since 1996 that is 100,000 acres or more and any monument designation or expansion "made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders," calling into question the future of more than 50 national monuments that protect our nation's historic, scientific, cultural, and natural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke opened up a comment period to collect public input through July 10, 2017 to inform decisions made about altering these already-established national monuments in response to the Executive Order; and

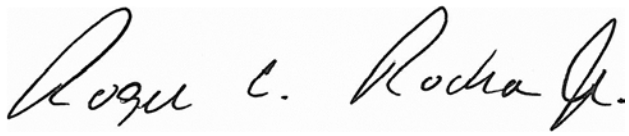
**WHEREAS**, several national monuments designated in recent years, including but not limited to César E. Chávez (established 2012), Río Grande del Norte (2013), Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks (2014), San Gabriel Mountains (2014), Berryessa Snow Mountain (2015), Sand to Snow (2016), Mojave Trails (2016), Gold Butte (2016), and Bears Ears (2016), either recognize and preserve Latino and Hispano cultural heritage and/or were established in part due to civic engagement by LULAC and/or many of our partner organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that LULAC's voice be heard since the Trump administration may attempt to rescind, shrink, and/or otherwise negatively impact these and other monuments designated since 1996; and

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the League of United Latin American Citizens expresses support for our nation's national monuments and urges the Trump administration and United States Department of Interior to maintain these monuments' existing boundaries and not alter them in anyway; and

***BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED*** that the League of United Latin American Citizens urges the Trump administration, including the United States Department of Interior, to take steps to ensure greater – not lesser – recognition and inclusion of Latino and Hispano heritage in our federal network of protected public lands and sites.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.

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Roger C. Rocha, Jr.  
LULAC National President