## THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - <u>154</u>

Introduced by:

Commissioner Henry P. Roybal

Commissioner Anna Hansen

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT AS A NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

WHEREAS, Bandelier National Monument, located in proximity to Santa Fe County in north-central New Mexico, encompasses an array of archeological, historic, and natural features; and

WHEREAS, Bandelier National Monument's main attraction, Frijoles Canyon, features ancient dwellings and petroglyphs and is a popular destination among American travelers; and

WHEREAS, Bandelier National Monument was named a National Monument in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the monument included a designated wilderness area of 23, 267 acres among its 32,737-acre total area; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martin Heinrich has introduced the Bandelier National Park and Preserve Establishment Act ("Act") that would elevate Bandelier Monument to a National Park, maintain the status of the Wilderness Area within the Monument, and designate an area outside the wilderness area and adjacent to the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a National Preserve to restore the scenic, educational, cultural, and historical value of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Act is enacted, sport hunting would be permitted within the National Preserve, as well as the collection of plants for traditional tribal uses; and

WHEREAS, if the Act is enacted, the Tribal Advisory Commission would be created to provide guidance and recommendation on the development and implementation of management plans; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico currently has just one National Park, Carlsbad Caverns, located in southern New Mexico, and elevating Bandelier National Monument and Preserve would provide an economic boost to, and raise the profile of, the State of New Mexico.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, hereby:

1. Urges Congress to adopt the Bandelier National Park and Preserve Act to permanently protect and promote Bandelier National Monument to a national park and other legislation designating Bandelier National Park and Preserve as the second National Park in New Mexico.

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2. Requests that the County Manager's Office forward a copy of this Resolution to the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Director of the National Park Service.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Anna T. Hamilton, Chair

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved as to form:

Rachel Brown

Interim Santa Fe County Attorney

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County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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