

RESOLUTION NO. 43

REQUESTING THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR. GRANT FULL PROTECTION FOR THE 1.9 MILLION ACRES OF THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluff (Town) was incorporated in August 2018 and is a gateway community to the Bears Ears National Monument;

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition submitted a proposal to establish a 1.9 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument;

WHEREAS, The Bears Ears National Monument designation was the culmination of an intertribal collaboration with a collective desire to realize protection and recognition of ancestral lands, cultural resources, religious access, and practical purposes;

WHEREAS, a 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument was established on December 28, 2016 by then President Barak Obama pursuant to Presidential Proclamation (Proclamation Number 9558) under authority granted by the Antiquities Act;

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump issued a Proclamation (Proclamation Number 9681) on December 4, 2017, which sought to reduce the Bears Ears National Monument by 1.1 million acres (or 85%), and to divide the Bears Ears National Monument into two units: Shash Jaa' unit and Indian Creek unit;

WHEREAS, this proclamation has been legally challenged in the lawsuit *Hopi v. Trump*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Bluff Town Council hereby supports the full protection for the 1.9 million acres of the Bears Ears National Monument as originally requested by the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.

2. The Bluff Town Council calls upon President-Elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to make it a priority of his new administration to swiftly withdraw Proclamation Number 9681 and to designate the Bears Ears National Monument as originally requested by the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition.

3. The Bluff Town Council directs the Town Recorder to immediately transmit this Resolution to the Office of the President-Elect and other interested governmental agencies.

