

Resolution

of the Nevada Association of Counties

RESOLUTION in Support of Adding the State of Nevada to the "Wyoming Exclusion" of the Antiquities Act

Whereas, the United States Congress enacted "The Antiquities Act of 1906", and

Whereas, the intent of the Act was to preserve archaeological artifacts to further the knowledge of early human habitation of the country, and

Whereas, the Act also includes a provision that authorizes the president to declare historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest located on public lands as national monuments, and

Whereas, presidents have, at times, used this authority to establish monuments against the wishes of the states, local governing bodies and citizens of the states in which these monuments are created, and

Whereas, the designation of a national monument prohibits other uses of the land including mineral exploration and harvesting, ranching, agriculture and most types of recreational activities, and

Whereas, the multiple use of the public lands in Nevada are vital to the economies of most Nevada counties, and

Whereas, eighty-three percent of the land in Nevada is federally managed public lands and therefore subject to being declared monuments by the president with little or no public input or against the wishes of the people of Nevada, and

Whereas, in 1950 Congress amended the Act requiring Congressional consent for any future creation or enlargement of National Monuments in Wyoming, now

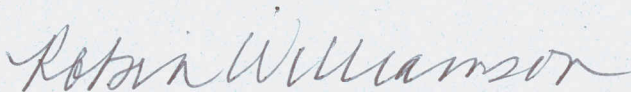
Therefore be it Resolved that the Nevada Association of Counties urges Congress to add Nevada to the “Wyoming Exclusion” of the Antiquities Act, and

Therefore be it Further Resolved that Congress not consent to the creation or expansion of any National Monuments in Nevada without the support of the Nevada Legislature and the governing bodies of the counties in which the monument is located, and

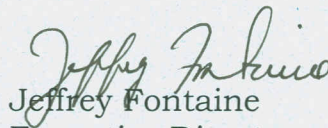
Therefore be it Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Nevada’s Congressional delegation, the Governor of Nevada, the Majority Leader of the Nevada Senate, the Speaker of the Nevada Assembly, the Minority Leaders of the Nevada Senate and Assembly, and the Chairman of the Nevada Legislative Committee on Public Lands.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 18th day of November, 2010 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attest:



Robin Williamson
President



Jeffrey Fontaine
Executive Director

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