

JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF
THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT BY:

THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE
PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES AND
CANADA
(UA)

THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 140
(UA LOCAL 140)

THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF SPRINKLER FITTERS LOCAL 669
(UA LOCAL 669)

THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PIPELINERS LOCAL 798
(UA LOCAL 798)

WHEREAS, the UA and UA Locals 140, 669, and 798 recognize the historic and ongoing cultural ties to the lands, animals, plants, and resources of San Juan County, Utah by Native American people; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bears Ears National Monument is the ancestral home of many Southwestern Native American Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bears Ears National Monument contains an intricately rich ecological system, on which many Tribes depend to sustain their traditional livelihoods and cultural practices; and

WHEREAS, many members of Native American tribes with cultural ties to the proposed Bears Ears National Monument area, including those that are members of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, are represented through membership in the United Association and its Local Unions; and

WHEREAS, an essential aspect of the proposed Monument's management priority values are to protect archaeological, wildlife, natural and scenic resources to ensure their ongoing and sustainable use; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have unique and important cultural and historical ties to the proposed Monument's land, wildlife and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, these areas are under constant threat of cultural vandalism, looting of Native cultural sites, indiscriminate damage to areas sacred to Native peoples, and development that negatively impacts land of historic and cultural importance to Native traditional practices; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect against these threats and preserve these lands as a cultural and ecological treasure for all Americans, formal protection as a National Monument is required;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the UA and UA Locals 140, 669, and 798 hereby join in supporting the designation of the Bears Ears landscape as a National Monument, respecting the will and the values of Native peoples whose identities, histories, cultures and futures are tied to these lands; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the UA and UA Locals 140, 669, and 798 join in supporting the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition in urging President Obama to use his powers under the Antiquities Act to designate the Bears Ears National Monument and provide permanent protection for these lands.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted this 1st day of July, 2016.



United Association



United Association Local 140



United Association Local 669



United Association Local 798