

WHEREAS, the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board is the duly elected body representing the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and is empowered to act on behalf of the Tribes. All actions shall be adherent to provisions set forth in the 1960 Constitution and By-Laws, and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears region holds vast cultural, historical, and paleontological resources and is world renowned for its integrity and abundance of its archeological resources. This living landscape continues to nurture, strengthen and sustain tribal people as it holds spiritual and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears National Monument was established on December 28, 2016, by Presidential Proclamation; and

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

WHEREAS, the established boundaries of the Bears Ears National Monument are much smaller than what the local communities and the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition proposed to honor Tribes today; and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears Commission was created by the Bears Ears National Monument Proclamation to provide guidance and recommendations on the development and implementation of management plans and on the management of the monument utilizing the traditional knowledge of indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, the Bears Ears National Monument has every opportunity to serve as a beacon of hope and will leave a legacy of conservation for all Americans for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes emphasizes the importance of the Bears Ears region to our community members;

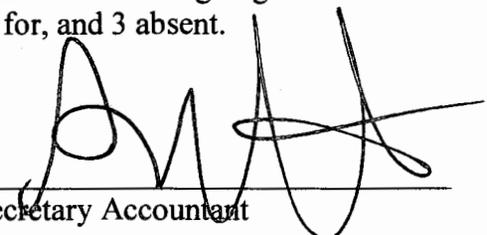
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes affirms our support of the Bears Ears National Monument, with its established boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes affirms its support of the established Bears Ears Commission with its established purpose;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes urges all to recognize and respect tribal sovereignty, which is a key component to properly honoring the Bears Ears region.

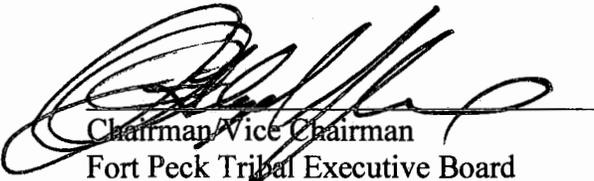
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Secretary/Accountant of the Tribal Executive Board of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Executive Board is composed of 12 voting members of whom 10 constituting a quorum were present at a Special Board meeting duly convened this 14th day of August, 2017 and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 9 for, and 3 absent.



Secretary Accountant

APPROVED:



Chairman/Vice Chairman
Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board