ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
RESOLUTION NO. APCG 2014-05

“Requesting to Protect the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks Region and the establishment of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument”

WHEREAS, the All Pueblo Council of Governors (APCG) is comprised of the nineteen Sovereign Pueblos of New Mexico including the Pueblos of New Mexico including the Pueblos of Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, Taos, Tesuque, Zia and Zuni; and 1 Sovereign Pueblo, Ysleta Del Sur, located in the State of Texas, and;

WHEREAS, the 20 Pueblos possess inherent government authority and sovereignty over our lands and which include the protection of our language, culture, and tradition; and

WHEREAS, the APCG recognizes the outstanding cultural and historical resources in the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks region of south-central New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the APCG believes these cultural and historical resources have special importance to all Native Americans in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the APCG appreciates Senator Tom Udall and Senator Martin Heinrich’s Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Conservation Act (S. 1805), which would protect sacred sites throughout the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks region; and

WHEREAS, the APCG appreciates United States Interior Secretary Sally Jewell’s visit to Las Cruces and tour of the some of the most beautiful parts of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks region; and

WHEREAS, the APCG believes the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks region should be permanently protected with a national monument designation; and

WHEREAS, the APCG desires to preserve all valuable tribal and cultural resources that originated on these lands, and

WHEREAS, the APCG desires to allow our children and future generations the opportunity to understand and appreciate the bounty and beauty of their cultural heritage, sacred cultural sites, and aboriginal homeland; and
WHEREAS, the APCG believes Native tribes should participate in the management of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument based on their cultural, historical and modern day connection to the Organ Mountains and surrounding former tribal lands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the APCG supports the establishment of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APCG welcomes the permanent protection of these historical and cultural resources to be preserved now and for all future generations as a national monument; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the President of the United States Barack Obama, the United States Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, the Governor of New Mexico Susana Martinez, and the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the establishment of the national monument.

CERTIFICATION
We, the undersigned officials of the All Pueblo Council of Governors hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. APCG 2014-05 was considered and adopted at a duly called council meeting held on the 19th day of March 2014, and at which time a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain, and 17 absent.

ALL PUEBLO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

By: [Signature]
Governor Edward Torres, APCG Chairman

ATTEST:

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Governor Terry Aguilar, APCG Secretary