

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is tasked to represent and address the needs of its residents, and

WHEREAS, Doña Ana County contains a number of areas of exceptional historic and scientific value associated with the Chihuahuan Desert, Southwestern pre-history, life on the American frontier, and emergence of the United States as an international power, and

WHEREAS, in response to continued and growing public interest, a diverse coalition of community leaders, citizens, and civic organizations have developed a proposal to protect these important lands within the framework of a National Monument, and

WHEREAS, the Organ Mountains/Desert Peaks National Monument would protect the ecological values of the Organ Mountains, Potrillo volcanic field, Kilbourne Hole, Broad Canyon, and the Doña Ana, Robledo, and Sierra de las Uvas Mountains, and

WHEREAS, the Organ Mountains/Desert Peaks National Monument would also protect thousands of petroglyphs and other archeological sites, features associated with El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the Butterfield Stagecoach Trail, historic ranching, and other places of historic interest, and

WHEREAS, protection of these rich landscapes and their history will support multicultural traditions within the Mesilla Valley, enhance understanding of New Mexico and the American West, and benefit all communities within Doña Ana County by fostering tourism, strengthening outdoor recreation, and preserving the qualities that make this area a desirable location for retirement and business development,

NOW THEREFORE, the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve to support creation of the Organ Mountains/Desert Peaks National Monument in order to preserve areas within our county of historic, scientific, and scenic value for current and future use, benefit, and enjoyment by the public, and respectfully requests that the President of United States use his authority under the 1906 Antiquities Act to establish the Organ Mountains/Deseret Peaks National Monument as a public legacy in this the centennial year of New Mexico statehood.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 2012


Board of County Commissioners
Doña Ana County, New Mexico

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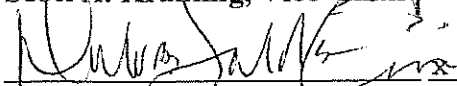
Karen G. Perez, Chair yea nay



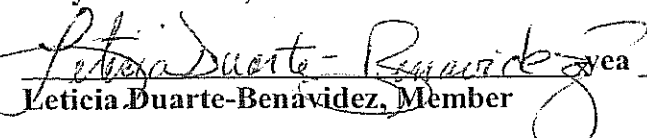
Scott A. Krahling, Vice-Chair yea nay




Billy G. Garrett, Member yea nay



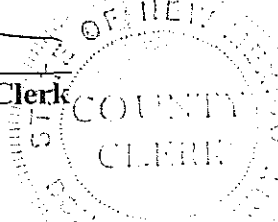
Dolores Saldaña-Caviness, Member yea nay



Leticia Duarte-Benavidez, Member yea nay



Attested: Lynn Ellins, County Clerk





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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office,
Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk, Dona Ana, NM

Deputy Angelica Valenzuela