

RESOLUTION

No. 90-12-27G

WHEREAS, Grant County and Southwestern New Mexico were the cradle of three great prehistoric Indian civilizations of the American Southwest, and

WHEREAS, the Grant County, New Mexico area, including the Mimbres and Gila Valleys, contained numerous Mimbres sites, and

WHEREAS, some of the Mimbres pueblos built during the classic phase of that culture in the 11th century are among the largest in the Southwest, and

WHEREAS, the Mimbres Culture is epitomized by distinctive and strikingly painted black-on-white pottery that is recognized as the consummation of several formal, pictorial, and ichnographic prehistorical traditions in the American Southwest, and

WHEREAS, many of the Mimbres historic sites have been vandalized and destroyed and further vandalism and destruction is inevitable unless measures are taken for the protection of this prehistoric culture and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a national monument in New Mexico, a visitors center, and administration headquarters in Grant County, New Mexico would benefit economic development and tourism in the area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that support be afforded for the protection of this culture and the remaining sites.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grant County Commission supports the establishment of a National Monument in New Mexico and the establishment of a Visitors Center and Administration Headquarters in Grant County, New Mexico.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 27th day of December,

1990.

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION

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CHAIRMAN

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COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

Mary Ann O. Carrillo
County Clerk
by Kathleen Herrera, Deputy