

## RESOLUTION NO. 98-02-12B

### Exclusion from the American Heritage Rivers Initiative

On behalf of the County of Grant, State of New Mexico, we, the undersigned, as duly elected officials and representatives of the community, do hereby request that our community be excluded from any area designated as an American Heritage River. The application for designation as an American Heritage River requires that a "river community" designate itself for the purposes of this Initiative. As such, we the undersigned, affirm our Constitutional role as the local, legal authority authorized to represent this river community. We, the representatives of the river community, thereby request that all lands that fall within the jurisdiction of one or more of the undersigned not be designated, or be part of a designation, as an American Heritage River.

We oppose the intervention of the federal government, agencies and employees into matters of zoning, planning, and land and water use. These matters are best resolved at the state and local levels. We will not submit nor support any petition for federal designation of a river, watershed or portion of a river within our community, and within the boundaries of our jurisdiction, under the American Heritage Rivers initiative. Any person or persons submitting a petition to the federal, state or local government to designate a river, a portion of a river, or a watershed as an American Heritage River that falls within the lands under our jurisdiction does so without our approval or consent as the elected representatives of the river community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998, that this Resolution shall be executed, made public and delivered to the White House Council on Environmental Quality in Washington, D.C.

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