

**COUNTY OF GRANT
RESOLUTION NO. R-19-45**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL VALUES OF THE GILA
HEADWATERS AND SUPPORTING A WILD AND SCENIC DESIGNATION**

WHEREAS, The Gila Headwaters, compose the largest network of natural, free-flowing rivers in the Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, The Gila Headwaters have historical and cultural significance, including the Mogollon civilization, the home of the Apaches, Mountain Men, and Buffalo Soldiers; and

WHEREAS, The Gila River and its tributaries have been traditionally visited for recreation, fishing, hunting, and camping by many generations in Grant County; and

WHEREAS, the quest for diverse economic opportunities such as outdoor recreation will contribute to the health, well-being and quality of life of Grant County residents; and

WHEREAS, healthy public lands with recreational opportunities are a major factor attracting new business and jobs to Grant County; and

WHEREAS, The National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was created by Congress in 1968 to preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, a Wild and Scenic designation will protect all current uses and traditional values of the river on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, the designation will not provide authority to the federal government to regulate or zone private lands; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Commissioners supports the introduction and passage of legislation to protect the Gila River through the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Manager shall transmit this resolution to each member of New Mexico's federal delegation.

Done this 12th day of September 2019.

Chris M. Ponce, Chairman

Javier Salas, Member

Harry Browne, Member

Gerald W. Billings Jr., Vice Chair

Alicia Edwards, Member

ATTEST:

Marisa Castrillo, Clerk

