

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

