

## **Resolution**

**R-24-12**

### **In Support of the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument Application for Designation as an International Dark Skies Sanctuary**

**Whereas**, Grant County recognizes the importance of the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument as a culturally significant resource; and

**Whereas**, the Gila Cliff Dwellings provide unmatched opportunities for education and enjoyment of significant regional history for local families and visitors alike; and

**Whereas**, the preservation of cultural resources such as the Gila Cliff Dwellings provide ecological, environmental and economic benefits for local communities; and

**Whereas**, Grant County recognizes the importance of ensuring that future generations have access to and are able to learn from the preservation of Indigenous histories, culture and connections.

**Whereas**, Dark Skies preservation is an economic driver for local, rural communities that want to attract visitors, new residents and quiet recreationists; and

**Whereas**, Dark Skies recognition is critical for the survival of birds, bats, and other pollinators that depend on night skies for navigation, contributes to conservation energy and water for plants and animals and is critical to maintaining circadian rhythms, health and well-being of wildlife and humans

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GRANT COUNTY that the County of Grant fully supports the application by the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, to be recognized as an International Dark Skies Sanctuary.**

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 8th day of February 8, 2024, by the

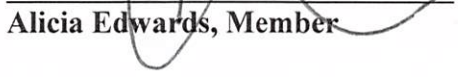
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:**



**Chris M. Ponce, Chairman**



**Gerald W. Billings, Jr., Vice Chair**



**Alicia Edwards, Member**

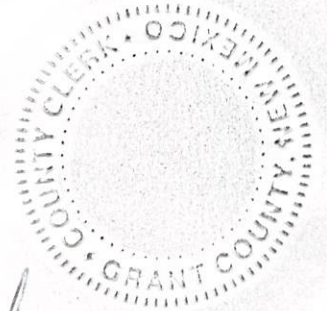


**Eloy H. Medina, Vice Chair**

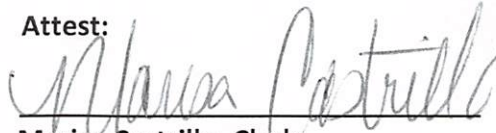


**Harry Browne, Member**

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**Attest:**



**Marisa Castrillo, Clerk**