

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

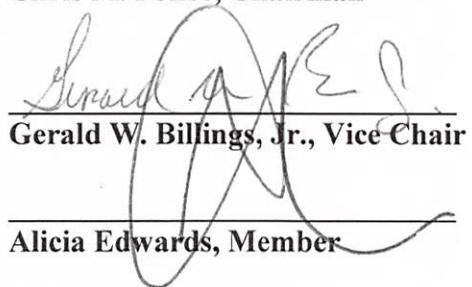
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF GRANT COUNTY that the County of Grant fully supports
the application by the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, to be recognized as
an International Dark Skies Sanctuary.**

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



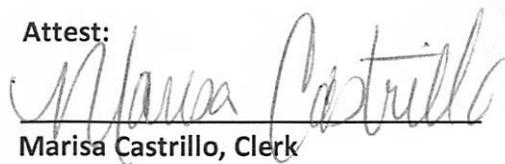
Eloy H. Medina, Vice Chair



Harry Browne, Member

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Attest:



Marisa Castrillo, Clerk

