



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #18-15
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

RESOLUTION

- Whereas,** The Pawnee Business Council is the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation and is authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Pawnee Nation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and
- Whereas,** The Pawnee Business Council met in special session on February 26, 2018, at the Pawnee Nation Resource Center, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council joins the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in opposing HB 4532 Shash Jaa National Monument and Indian Creek National Monument Act and stands with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition in efforts to preserve their historical and cultural objects within the Bears Ears region. The Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Indian Tribe should be allowed to conserve the Bears Ears cultural landscape and be allowed to practice their freedom of religion in sacred places like the Bears Ears National Monument; and
- Whereas,** H.R. 4532 seeks to ratify the recent executive action that diminishes the Bears Ears National Monument in size and replace it with two smaller National Monument units: the *Shash Jaa* unit and the *Indian Creek* unit. This land designation would remove federal protections preserving thousands of tribal historical artifacts; and
- Whereas,** the H.R. 4532 does not recognize the inherent sovereignty of individual native nations in the establishment of management boards and councils. The Pawnee Business Council implores the United States government recognize each individual sovereign nation's elected officials as the proper authority.

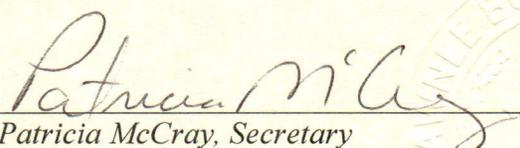
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council supports the NCAI and the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni and the Ute Indian Tribe in protecting their historical and sacred sites.

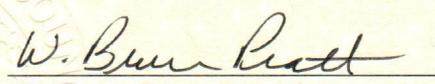
CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia McCray, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 26th day of February 2018 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members, of whom 8 were present, 0 absent, compromising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

Signed this 26th day of February 2018

ATTEST:


Patricia McCray, Secretary
Pawnee Nation Business Council


W. Bruce Pratt, President
Pawnee Nation Business Council