

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONUMENT AND EXPANSION OF JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK VIA AN ADJACENT NATIONAL MONUMENT

WHEREAS, the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park contain spectacular public lands that are a scenic, environmental, economic, cultural, and recreational resource both locally as well as across our state; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park support year-round habitats for diverse wildlife such as desert bighorn sheep, desert tortoise, a wide variety of birds, and many other species; and

WHEREAS, publicly owned and federally managed desert lands constitute a public wildland resource of extraordinary and inestimable value and deserve to be protected for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, securing permanent protection for the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park will secure the quality of life and recreational opportunities directly related to our public lands for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, multiple studies have shown that National Monuments create jobs and support positive economics for communities nearby; and

WHEREAS, these areas contain significant cultural, archeological, historic, and scientific values worthy of permanent protection; and

WHEREAS, it remains in the City's interest to maintain and protect the California desert as a recreational resource and a place for citizens of and visitors to Indian Wells to recreate, spend time with family, or simply gaze into the night sky;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS HEREBY AFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Establishment via legislation or executive action of the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park through the establishment of an adjacent national monument managed by the National Park Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council asks President Biden to designate the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and the additional national monument adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park promptly through Presidential proclamation via the Antiquities Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to United States President Joe Biden, Representative Dr. Raul Ruiz, Representative Ken Calvert, Senator Laphonza Butler, and Senator Alex Padilla.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Indian Wells, California, at a regular meeting held on this 2nd day of November 2023.

DONNA J.H. GRIFFITH
MAYOR

CERTIFICATION FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2023-____

I, Angelica Avila, City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Indian Wells, California **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the whole number of the members of the City Council is five (5); that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Indian Wells the 2nd day of November 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANGELICA AVILA
CITY CLERK

TODD LEISHMAN
CITY ATTORNEY