



Resolution #17-14

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE CURRENT SIZE AND SCOPE
OF THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT AND ALL
CALIFORNIA NATIONAL MONUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the California monuments are a sacred part of our shared heritage, and the San Gabriel Mountains are a local treasure that serves 15 million residents and provides 30% of our water and 70% of our open space, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, having never visited California and disavowing the years of scientific research that led to the determination of their protected status, recommended a plan to shrink six of the current monument designations in California and rollback the protections of these federal lands; thus, making them more assessable to private development, which may include extraction and mining operations which would forever alter these six iconic landscapes that include the San Gabriel Mountains, that form the backdrop to Los Angeles; the Mojave Trails National Monument; the Giant Sequoia National Monument; Carrizo Plain National Monument; and the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, and

WHEREAS, Republican members of the Western Caucus, including California Republican Reps. Paul Cook, Doug LaMalfa, and Tom McClintock, urged Secretary Zinke to remove Berryessa Snow from the monuments list and shrink the size of the other monuments,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party of Orange County joins the State Democratic Party, Attorney General Xavier Becerra, State and Federal legislators, environmental groups and Native American organizations in condemning this blatant, unconscionable and detrimental attack on California's treasured National Monuments, and we support legal action to preserve these national heritage landmarks.

Submitted by Diana Lee Carey (DPOC Western Vice Chair)

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