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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Christopher M. Rivera

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT AS A NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE.

WHEREAS, located in north-central New Mexico, Bandelier National Monument encompasses an array of archeological, historic, and natural features; and

WHEREAS, its main attraction, Frijoles Canyon, where there are ancient dwellings and petroglyphs, is a popular destination among American travelers; and

WHEREAS, Bandelier National Monument was named a National Monument in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the monument included a designated wilderness area of 23,267 acres among its 32,737-acre total area, an area that will be designated a preserve to restore the scenic, educational, cultural, and historical value of the area; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martin Heinrich has introduced the Bandelier National Park and Preserve Establishment Act (“Act”) that would elevate Bandelier Monument to a National Park and designate the wilderness area as a National Preserve; and

1 **WHEREAS**, if the Act is enacted, sport hunting would be permitted within the National
2 Preserve, as well as the collection of plants for traditional tribal uses; and

3 **WHEREAS**, if the Act is enacted, the Tribal Advisory Commission would be required to
4 provide guidance and recommendation on the development and implementation of management
5 plans; and

6 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico currently has one National Park, Carlsbad Caverns, located in
7 southern New Mexico, and elevating Bandelier National Monument and Preserve would provide
8 an economic boost to, and raise the profile of, the State of New Mexico.

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
10 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body urges Congress to adopt the Act or other
11 legislation designating Bandelier National Park and Preserve as the second National Park in New
12 Mexico.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the New
14 Mexico Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Director of the National
15 Park Service.

16 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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21 ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

22 ATTEST:

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 ERIN McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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