

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING SB 138 THE CALIFORNIA DESERT PROTECTION ACT OF 2011, CALLING FOR THE PROTECTION OF WILDERNESS, WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS, NATIONAL MONUMENTS, AND NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE ADDITIONS IN THE CALIFORNIA DESERT.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that certain unique, undeveloped, ecologically and geologically significant, culturally and scenic areas of public land within the California Desert Conservation Area are preserved as wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, national monuments and /or National Park and Preserve additions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Palm Springs to preserve nearby open space and wild areas outside the boundaries of the City for the benefit and enjoyment of its residents; and

WHEREAS, wilderness designation has been shown to increase tourism and attract new residents, thereby generating substantial economic benefits for nearby communities through local employment and tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed designation will contribute to our region's superior desert and mountain vistas, air quality, water quality, peaceful soundscapes, and dark night skies; and

WHEREAS, desert wilderness and wild rivers are an important component of our community's historic, cultural, economic and social identity; and

WHEREAS, protected public lands will provide local residents and visitors with opportunities for many recreational activities, including hiking, horseback riding, rock climbing, photography, camping, orienteering, wildlife viewing, scientific research, and nature study; and

WHEREAS, protecting wild places would ensure that future generations can enjoy them tomorrow as we do today; and

WHEREAS, designating off highway vehicle recreation areas ensures responsible use of natural resources

WHEREAS, preserving these areas would protect landscapes that encompass steep mountains, winding canyons, free flowing rivers, and rugged desert landscapes, including the proposed Golden Valley, Kingston Range, Indian Pass, Palo Verde wilderness additions, the Great Falls Basin, Slate Range, Avawatz Mountains, Soda Mountains, Buzzard's Peak, Milpitas Wash wilderness areas, the Sand to Snow and

Mojave Trails National Monuments, the Castle Mountains addition to the Mojave National Preserve, wilderness additions to Death Valley National Park, additions to Joshua Tree National Park, and Deep Creek, Holcomb Creek, Whitewater River and Surprise Canyon wild and scenic rivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, that the City of Palm Springs endorses and supports the designation of wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, national monuments and the National Park and Preserve wilderness additions within the California Desert Conservation Area.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

DAVID H. READY, CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)

I, JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. _____ is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on the 16th day of March, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK
City of Palm Springs, California