

59 planning areas which include the San Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa areas;

60 WHEREAS, the revised Resource Management Plans do not call for the creation of
61 national monuments in the San Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa areas;

62 WHEREAS, creating national monuments in the San Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa
63 areas would violate and undercut the integrity of the Resource Management Plans revision
64 process in Emery, Wayne, and San Juan counties where the San Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa
65 areas are situated, and would be inconsistent with the plans and policies of the state of Utah
66 and those counties and their duly elected governmental boards and leaders;

67 WHEREAS, creating national monuments in these areas would violate the
68 constitutional guarantee of a republican form of government as well as federal statutory
69 consistency requirements of FLPMA;

70 WHEREAS, a presidential proclamation declaring national monuments in the San
71 Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa areas would single-handedly bypass the revised Resource
72 Management Plans and the universal opposition by the duly elected leaders of the state of Utah
73 and the affected counties;

74 WHEREAS, Utah favors protecting the remarkably scenic, recreational, and sensitive
75 areas of the San Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa areas;

76 WHEREAS, ~~H→ [the highest and best use of vast tracts of land in those areas is nonetheless~~
77 ~~continued grazing and environmentally sensitive energy and mineral development, done in~~
78 ~~such a way as to protect and preserve the scenic and recreational values] continued grazing and~~
78a ~~environmentally sensitive energy and mineral development in the San Rafael Swell and~~
78b ~~Cedar Mesa areas can be done in such a way as to protect and preserve scenic and~~
78c ~~recreational values ←H~~ ;

79 WHEREAS, as history has demonstrated in the case of the Grand Staircase-Escalante
80 National Monument, many thousands of acres of important grazing and mineral and other
81 multiple use resources and values have been closed to reasonable development due to the
82 multi-hundred thousand acre national monument designation;

83 WHEREAS, Congress has considered numerous proposals to abolish or limit the
84 President's authority to establish monuments under the Antiquities Act in recent years; and

85 WHEREAS, Utah's economy, industry, culture, way of life, and its viability as a
86 sovereign state guaranteed a republican form of government depend on reasonable multiple-use
87 access to the BLM lands in the San Rafael Swell and Cedar Mesa areas of the state, most of
88 which would be taken away through national monument designation:

89 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the