

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DINOSAUR
NATIONAL PARK**

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STATE OF UTAH

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A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES URGING CONGRESS TO
CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT TO DINOSAUR
NATIONAL PARK.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, Dinosaur National Monument, with visitor centers in both Utah and Colorado,
is an impressive showcase of the region's natural wonders that is enjoyed by both tourists and
residents;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Dinosaur National Monument be granted the designation
of national park to encourage greater appreciation and enjoyment of its many natural features,
including fishing, hiking, and camping;

WHEREAS, relatively little expense would be required to change the designation from
monument to park;

WHEREAS, the monument has 160 miles of existing road, an excellent trail system, 36
full-time employees, and the land is already under United States Park Service control;

WHEREAS, current grazing rights, including those of inholders and permittees, will be
unaffected by the change in designation;

WHEREAS, no boundary changes are needed and industry would be unaffected by the new
designation;

WHEREAS, integral vistas would not be affected, and air quality would be based on state
standards;

WHEREAS, the expanse of land surrounding the proposed park would preclude the need
for any buffer zones;

28 WHEREAS, the proposed park will be of tremendous educational and economic benefit
29 to Utah, providing national and international recognition to one of the state's most significant
30 natural sites; and

31 WHEREAS, the change in designation from monument to park will allow greater
32 appreciation for Utah's natural beauty while providing appropriate protection that ensures its
33 preservation for future generations:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the state
35 of Utah urge the United States Congress to change the designation of Dinosaur National
36 Monument to Dinosaur National Park.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the
38 United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and to the
39 members of Utah's congressional delegation.

Legislative Review Note**as of 2-18-99 3:45 PM**

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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