

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON NATIVE AMERICAN  
RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES GRANT**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution encourages state acquisition of the Bears Ears National Monument.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ encourages the state of Utah to seek acquisition of the Bears Ears National Monument through the Recreation and Public Purposes Act; and
- ▶ supports a governance and management plan that includes southwestern Native American tribes.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

WHEREAS, Bears Ears are twin buttes in southeastern Utah of San Juan County, that rise 8,700 feet above sea level and resemble the ears of a bear emerging from the horizon;

WHEREAS, the human history in the Bears Ears area dates ~~as far~~ back ~~as 8,500~~ thousands of years,

and the area offers cultural, scientific, and historic importance for several southwestern tribes;

WHEREAS, famed Navajo headman K'aayéllii was born around 1800 near the Bears Ears twin buttes, as well as renowned 19th century Navajo leader, "Hastiin Ch'ihaajin"

