

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE**
2 **CREATION OF A NEW NATIONAL PARK**

3 2018 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund**

6 House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This resolution supports United States House of Representatives bill H.R. 4558,
11 introduced to create a new national park and three national monuments.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ supports United States House of Representatives bill H.R. 4558, the "Grand
15 Staircase Escalante Enhancement Act," introduced by United States Representative
16 Chris Stewart to establish the Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve, Grand
17 Staircase National Monument, Kaiparowits National Monument, and Escalante
18 Canyons National Monument.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

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

23 WHEREAS, on December 6, 2017, in the 115th Congress, 1st Session, United States
24 Representative Chris Stewart introduced H.R. 4558, the "Grand Staircase Escalante
25 Enhancement Act," to establish Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve, Grand
26 Staircase National Monument, Kaiparowits National Monument, and Escalante Canyons
27 National Monument in Kane and Garfield counties, Utah;

28 WHEREAS, the purpose of Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve, Grand
29 Staircase National Monument, Kaiparowits National Monument, and Escalante Canyons

30 National Monument shall be to protect, conserve, and enhance:

- 31 • the unique and nationally important historic, scenic, and natural resources;
- 32 • recreation, including hunting; and
- 33 • grazing;

34 WHEREAS, H.R. 4558 authorizes public access for hunting, fishing, trapping, and
35 grazing within Escalante Canyons National Park and Preserve; and

36 WHEREAS, H.R. 4558 provides for local control of the proposed park and monuments
37 by establishing the presidentially appointed Management Council as the administrative
38 authority, composed of:

- 39 • one individual from the Department of the Interior, appointed by the President;
- 40 • five individuals, appointed by the President in consultation with the congressional
41 delegation from the state of Utah and the Governor of Utah, who shall represent Garfield and
42 Kane counties; and
- 43 • one at-large representative appointed by the President:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
45 Governor concurring therein, supports H.R. 4558 to establish Escalante Canyons National Park
46 and Preserve, Grand Staircase National Monument, Kaiparowits National Monument, and
47 Escalante Canyons National Monument.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority
49 Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
50 and members of Utah's congressional delegation.