

## RESOLUTION NO. 2015-042

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE PERMANENT PROTECTION OF THE BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN REGION AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT.

**WHEREAS**, the County of Napa, other affected counties, elected officials within the affected counties, the California State Legislature, Tuleyome (a non-profit organization), supportive business owners, supportive private landowners, and many community members seek permanent protection of federal public lands in the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region as a National Monument; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calistoga wishes to join the broad support in the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region for permanent protection of the region as a National Monument through congressional or administration action; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Representatives Michael Thompson, John Garamendi and Jared Huffman along with Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein introduced the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Act (HR 761 and S 393); and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has not acted on introduced legislation and a presidential declaration for a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument under the Antiquities Act of 1906 can accomplish the goals sought to be achieved through the introduced legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the City of Calistoga, as well as visitors to the City, enjoy the recreational and other opportunities on federal lands in the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region, including hiking, swimming, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, photography, camping, orienteering, wildlife viewing, scientific research, mountain bicycling, motorized recreation on authorized routes, and nature study; and

**WHEREAS**, National Monument designations elsewhere have helped local communities diversify their economies and increase tourism, as well as helped to attract businesses, thereby generating economic benefits for nearby communities through local employment and tax revenue ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winters Chamber of Commerce commissioned a study that determined that a National Monument designation can add up to \$50 million to local gateway economies over a 5 year period; and

**WHEREAS**, National Monument designation would permanently protect world renown plate tectonic geology and some of the most biologically diverse public lands in the United States, from the oak woodlands in the southern Berryessa region to the 7,000 foot peak of Snow Mountain in the Mendocino National Forest with Shasta red fir forests in the north.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Calistoga hereby urges the permanent protection of federal lands in the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region as a National Monument.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this **5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015**, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Barnes, Kraus and Lopez-Ortega, Vice Mayor Dunsford  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

  
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**CHRIS CANNING, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**KATHY FLAMSON, City Clerk**