

RESOLUTION NO. 08-04-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT.

WHEREAS, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act allows the federal land management agencies to charge access fees for recreational use of federally managed public lands by the general public; and,

WHEREAS, Gila County's culture, quality of life, and traditions demand free access to public lands; and,

WHEREAS, fees for access to public lands discriminate economically against those least able to pay the fees, especially citizens in low-income areas, including Gila County; and

WHEREAS, these public lands access fees have been highly controversial and are opposed by hundreds of organizations and county governments, by state legislatures, and by millions of rural Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act is substantive legislation, including criminal penalties, that fundamentally changes the way America's public lands are funded and managed; and

WHEREAS, federal policies regarding management of public lands have a profound impact on the well-being of the citizens of Gila County and changes to them should be conducted in an open public forum; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act was never approved by the U.S. House of Representatives and was never introduced, never had hearings, and was never approved by the U.S. Senate but was instead attached to an omnibus spending bill as an appropriations rider.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY ARIZONA:

- (1) That the citizens of Gila County demand that the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act be repealed by the United States Congress.
- (2) That the citizens of Gila County support passage of S.2438, the Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act.
- (3) That the citizens of Gila County urge the members of Arizona's congressional delegation to co-sponsor and to support S.2438, the Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act.

(4) That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Arizona, to the President of the United States, to the Vice President of the United States, to the majority and minority leadership of the United States Senate, to the majority and minority leadership of the United States House of Representatives, to United States Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl, and to United States Representatives Rick Renzi, Trent Franks, John Shadegg, Ed Pastor, Harry Mitchell, Jeff Flake, Raúl Grijalva, and Gabrielle Giffords.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2008, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

José M. Sanchez, Chairman

Attest:

Steven L. Besich, Clerk

4-1-08 meeting
Chairman Sanchez
tabled adoption
of this resolution

4-15-08 meeting
Supervisor Rawson
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adopt this resolution;
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