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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS ORGANIZATION (SEAGO) SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS TO RECEIVE NATIONAL PARK REDESIGNATION OF THE CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT TO THE CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL PARK, AND SUPPORTING H.R 6190, CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL PARK ACT, INTRODUCED BY ARIZONA SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE MARTHA MCSALLY

WHEREAS, the Chiricahua National Monument is an area of great natural beauty unique to southeastern Arizona that offers a wealth of outdoor activities, scenery, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Chiricahua National Monument has all of the elements of activities, scenery, wildlife and environmental uniqueness to justify its designation as a national park; and

WHEREAS, designation of a national park in southeastern Arizona would benefit the local and regional economy as national parks attract many visitors from around the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, recreational activities and tourism plays a significant role sustaining and increasing economic growth in the rural communities of southeastern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, redesignating the Chiricahua National Monument to natural park status is not expected not have material budget, or staffing impact to the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated group has tirelessly worked to achieve the goal of the Chiricahua National Park designation; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Second Congressional District Representative Martha McSally has submitted H.R. 6190 – Chiricahua National Park Act that changes the designation of the Chiricahua National Monument to the Chiricahua National Park; and

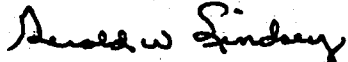
WHEREAS, H.R. 6190 does not propose any budgetary, staffing, or land use changes to the existing Chiricahua National Monument.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the SEAGO Executive Board that it hereby expresses its support for the redesignation of the Chiricahua National Monument to the Chiricahua National Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SEAGO Executive Board expresses it support for H.R. 6190 “To establish Chiricahua National Park in Arizona as a Unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes” submitted by Arizona Second Congressional

District Representative Martha McSally, and expresses appreciation to Representative McSally for submitting said legislation.

Passed and adopted by the SEAGO Executive Board on this 16th day of November 2016.



Gerald "Sam" Lindsey, Chair
SouthEastern Arizona Governments
Organization Executive Board



Randy Heiss, Executive Director
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