

1 **A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW**
2 **CHUCKWALLA NATIONAL MONUMENT AND EXPANSION OF JOSHUA**
3 **TREE NATIONAL PARK**

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5 **WHEREAS**, Local organizations and tribes, in cooperation with regional and national
6 organizations, are working to designate the Chuckwalla National Monument in Riverside
7 and Imperial Counties and to expand Joshua Tree National Park to conserve exceptional
8 public desert lands including palm oases, rocky mountain ranges, and lush desert woodlands
9 that are a scenic, environmental, economic, cultural, and recreational resource both locally
10 as well as across our state; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, The national monument proposal and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park
13 would provide essential connectivity between wilderness areas and provide durable wildlife
14 corridors critical for survival of the desert tortoise, Mojave fringe-toed lizard, desert bighorn
15 sheep and other species to enhance climate change resilience and maintain healthy
16 populations; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Establishment of the proposal seeks to honor the homelands of the Iviatim,
18 Kwatsáan, Maara'yam, Nüwü, Pipa Aha Macav (the Cahuilla, Quechan, Serrano,
19 Chemehuevi, and Mojave) peoples to help ensure that their traditions, sacred sites, trails,
20 and plant and animal relatives in this cultural landscape are preserved in a manner which
21 respects Tribal priorities and sovereignty.
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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The San Bernardino County Democratic Central
24 Committee:

25 (1) hereby affirms its support for the establishment via legislation or executive action
26 of the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree
27 National Park.

28 (2) hereby approves a copy of this resolution to be sent to Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz,
29 CD25.
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31 Submitted to the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee by

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*Adopted by the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee by
unanimous vote June 22, 2023.*