

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RELOCATION OF THE  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS  
TO GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has indicated his intention to relocate the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Headquarters out of Washington, DC to the West; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County, Colorado is 72% federal land, with the BLM asserting control over 981,360 acres; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction is located in Mesa County, Colorado, is the most populous city in western Colorado, and is the center of government for Mesa County; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of counties to have the people who manage our BLM lands, and who make the decisions concerning these lands, living within the communities with high percentages of BLM land; and

WHEREAS, there are a vast amount of natural resources, ranging from oil, gas, coal, grazing for livestock, wildlife habitat, hunting, streams and trails contained on our federal lands; and

WHEREAS, the economic vitality of Mesa County, Colorado and our surrounding regions is dependent on BLM officials managing our federal lands for multiple use; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County, Colorado, and specifically, Grand Junction, is ideal for the relocation of the BLM Headquarters because of our supportive business climate as well as the abundance of BLM lands in Mesa County, western Colorado and our neighboring states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim that it supports the relocation of the Bureau of Land Management Headquarters to Grand Junction, Colorado and further, it directs that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Secretary Ryan Zinke, each member of our Colorado Congressional Delegation and Governor John Hickenlooper.

DULY MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

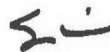
Attest:



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Sheila Reiner,  
Mesa County Clerk and Recorder



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John Justman, Chairman  
Board of Mesa County Commissioners



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Scott McInnis  
Commissioner



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Rose Pugliese  
Commissioner