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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the addition of accessible parks and open space will benefit our children while giving young people more opportunities to be physically active and connect with nature; and

WHEREAS, many Angelenos currently lack access to parkland and open space; and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Mountains are widely used by local residents as a place of refuge and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Judy Chu has introduced HR 4858, the San Gabriel National Recreation Area Act, which has been referred to the House Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation and which would provide National Recreation Area designation for the areas of the Angeles National Forest, the San Gabriel River through Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and a corridor of open spaces extending east from Whittier Narrows.

WHEREAS, the National Park Service conducted a special resource study starting in 2005 and determined the area was suitable for inclusion in the National Park system; and


WHEREAS, the creation of a San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area—modeled after the successful Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area—would preserve existing recreational opportunities and better protect valuable natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the proposal could connect existing parks and trails and add hiking trails, picnic and camp sites, signage and educational opportunities to better connect the millions of people with this magnificent resource; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of all Angelenos to strengthen surrounding park facilities that are frequented by residents of the City of Los Angeles,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 4858 and the creation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area in order to strengthen recreational opportunities for Angelenos and further protect our natural environment.

PRESENTED BY:





JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District



FELIPE FUENTES
Councilmember, 7th District

SECONDED BY:





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