

## RESOLUTION

### **Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument**

Whereas the Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock area of Northern Arizona is a world-class destination for millions of visitors annually; and

Whereas the irreplaceable scenic beauty, unique natural environment, and richness in antiquities and historic cultural artifacts of this area must be preserved for future generations; and

Whereas land trades by the Forest Service might permit development and activities deleterious to the scenic beauty, antiquities, and natural environment of the area; and

Whereas the Coconino National Forest does not have the resources necessary to protectively manage the area; and

Whereas National Monument designation for the area would prohibit land trades within the 160,000 plus acres of the proposed Monument but would not affect private, State, or municipal lands; and

Whereas National Monument designation for the area is likely to provide federal priority funding status and improved opportunity for obtaining grants from government and philanthropic organizations so as to enable protective management;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arizona State Democratic Party supports the establishment of the Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument.

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