

**ELKO COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION**

**RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL LANDS TO NEVADA**

**1. WE URGE THE TIMELY AND ORDERLY TRANSFER OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS TO WILLING STATES FOR LOCAL CONTROL THAT WILL PROVIDE BETTER PUBLIC ACCESS, BETTER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AND BETTER ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY;**

**2. WE REAFFIRM THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA AND SOVEREIGN NATIVE AMERICAN NATIONS TO CONTROL THE LANDS WITHIN THEIR BORDERS.**

**3. WE SUPPORT EQUIPPING FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES WITH RESOURCES NECESSARY TO PLAN FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO STATE-BASED OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE TRANSFERRED PUBLIC LANDS; AND**

**4. WE URGE MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES FOR THESE LANDS THAT WILL:**

**i. IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS:** Protect public access, rights of way, and multiple-uses on public lands for all people including sportsmen, tourists,

recreational users, subsistence and sustenance activities, and emergency access; and

**ii. IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:** Reduce catastrophic wildfire fuel loads that threaten communities, infrastructure, watersheds, critical wildlife habitat, and our environment. Facilitate restoration of healthy forests, range lands, and waterways; and

**iii. IMPROVE ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY:** Secure jobs and economic growth through responsible natural resource stewardship and use including tourism and recreational opportunities; and

**iv. RETAIN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC LANDS:** Federal public lands shall become state public lands to be managed in accordance with state and local plans; and

**v. INCREASE LOCAL INVOLVEMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY:** Ensure state-based public land management activities are consistent with local government plans, policies, and objectives; and

**vi. PROTECT USE RIGHTS:** Protect all valid existing rights and multiple uses, and enhance the viability of compatible, land-based livelihoods; and

**vii. PRESERVE CUSTOMS & CULTURE:** Preserve and protect important wild, scenic, cultural and economic resources; and

**viii. GENERATE SELF-SUPPORTING FINANCE:** Foster compatible economic productivity to support essential government services such as local roads, utilities, emergency services, public health and safety, education, justice, and other civic functions while reducing tax burdens on citizens nationally and offsetting federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools funds.

**5. WE WILL SUPPORT LEGISLATION PRESENTLY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTITIVES (HR 1484) WHICH CALLS FOR THE TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE STATE OF NEVADA.**