A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REPEAL OF SECTION VIII OF THE FEDERAL RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado, that by virtue of the recently signed H.R. 4818, which incorporated Section VIII to the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, access fees are now imposed on public lands; and

WHEREAS, previously on October 9, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado stated a request in Gunnison County Resolution No: 01-35 that no recreational fees be imposed on Federal lands; and

WHEREAS, recreational tourism is a very important part of Gunnison County’s economy; and

WHEREAS, recreational fees imposed to access public lands may significantly deter the public from visiting and enjoying public lands; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado that the Board urges that Sections 801 through 815, Title VIII of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which was enacted on December 6, 2004 as part of H.R. Bill 4818, immediately be repealed.

FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of Colorado, to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leadership of the United States Senate, and to each member of the Colorado Congressional Delegation.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner ________________, seconded by Commissioner ________________, and adopted this 5th day of April, 2005.