

**Committee:** Public and Private Lands

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### **Preserve Presidential Authority Under the Antiquities Act**

**WHEREAS**, the Antiquities Act of 1906, signed into law by Theodore Roosevelt, affords the President of the United States the authority to designate Federal lands as National Monuments for “the protection of objects as scientifically, historically, culturally or naturally significant;” and

**WHEREAS**, actions under the Antiquities Act have preserved critical cultural and natural resources for posterity; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently numerous bills in the United States Congress that would reduce or remove the authority of the President under the Antiquities Act; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017, strongly opposes any attempts to reduce or remove the authority of the President of the United States to declare Federal lands as National Monuments under the Antiquities Act.