

1 [Supporting the Permanent Protection of the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle
2 Mountains National Monuments]

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3 **Resolution supporting the permanent protection of the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow,**
4 **and Castle Mountains National Monuments in the California Desert through enactment**
5 **of legislation or Presidential proclamation via the Antiquities Act.**

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7 WHEREAS, The California Desert contains spectacular public lands that are a scenic,
8 environmental, economic, cultural and recreational resource across our state, supporting year
9 round habitat for diverse wildlife such as desert bighorn sheep, desert tortoise, a wide variety
10 of birds and many other species; and

11 WHEREAS, Securing permanent protection for Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and
12 Castle Mountains will secure quality of life and recreational opportunities directly related to our
13 public lands, and will complete the desert protection measures initiated by Senator Dianne
14 Feinstein two decades ago—then as now strongly supported by the City and County of San
15 Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, New concerns raised by climate change and rapidly increasing human use
17 indicate the need to connect separate already protected areas in the desert to assure lasting
18 preservation for the significant cultural, archeological, historic and scientific values; and

19 WHEREAS, These desert areas are outstanding places for observing nature, and for
20 human solitude and spiritual rejuvenation, and offer a paradise for hiking, hunting, camping,
21 birdwatching and myriad other outdoor pursuits for the local community and visitors from
22 across the state and region; and

23 WHEREAS, Multiple studies have shown that National Monuments create jobs and
24 support positive economic development for communities near them and other urban centers in
25 the state; and

1 WHEREAS, National monument designation would protect many traditional land uses
2 in place today and honor all valid and existing rights; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors is in full support of the
4 permanent protection of the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains National
5 Monuments in the California Desert; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors asks President
7 Obama to designate these monuments promptly through Presidential proclamation via the
8 Antiquities Act; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
10 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to United States President Barack
11 Obama.

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