

# *Resolution*

## *Interstate Mining Compact Commission*

### **BE IT KNOWN THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) established the Abandoned Mine Land (AML) reclamation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) is a multi-state organization representing the natural resource and environmental protection interests of its 25 member states, including programs for the elimination of health and safety hazards and the reclamation of land and water resources adversely affected by past mining and left in an abandoned or inadequately restored condition; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the cooperative federalism approach contained in SMCRA, several IMCC member states administer AML programs approved, funded and overseen by the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation (OSM) within the U.S. Department of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, in the course of their work, the states have worked cooperatively with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the U.S. Department of the Interior pursuant to authorities under federal mining and land use management laws to reclaim abandoned hardrock sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the states have over 30 years of experience in developing, designing, contracting for and managing projects for the reclamation of abandoned and inactive mines and have been recognized as experts in accomplishing this reclamation work

### ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:***

That the Interstate Mining Compact Commission urges the U.S. Department of the Interior, through BLM and OSM, to consult with the states as it develops and implements decisions regarding any consolidation of authorities and responsibilities between BLM and OSM pursuant to Secretarial Order Number 3320 dated April 13, 2012.

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ATTEST:



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Executive Director