

Stewardship of our public land and preservation of our historic and cultural heritage is an important part of our role as caretakers of the Earth. I applaud your use of the Antiquities Act, which helps protect special places in God's creation, to designate the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument. This new National Monument is a testament to your leadership that has sought to reconcile and make us "whole" as a nation.

Emmett Till's life, tragically cut short by racial hatred, is rightfully honored by the designation of this new National Monument. It highlights not only his story, but the courageous story of his mother, who despite her grief fought to have Emmett Till's full story told to the world.

By putting focused attention on stories of Black history—the pain and the triumph—through this designation and additional future National Monument designations my hope is that we, as a nation, can reconcile and come together as one nation under God.

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