



HAVASUPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Resolution No. 54-15 Support for Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument

WHEREAS; the Havasuw 'Baaja, the People of the Blue Green Water, are the original inhabitants of the Coconino Plateau on the south rim of Grand Canyon; and

WHEREAS; we give our full and strong support for designation of the Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument as drafted by Representative Raul Grijalva; and

WHEREAS; members of the Havasupai Tribe now reside primarily in the Village of Supai that is located in a side canyon to Grand Canyon; and

WHEREAS; members maintain a presence and connection to the Plateau lands including regular visits to numerous religious and cultural sites including the Red Butte Traditional Cultural Property that includes the site of the Canyon Uranium Mine; and

WHEREAS; the Havasupai Tribe owns private property within the area to be designated a National Monument; and

WHEREAS; the Havasupai Tribe has grazing interests and rights to use lands in the National Monument for traditional purposes including hunting and gathering; and

WHEREAS; the Village of Supai is downstream from any surface contamination on the plateau and down gradient from any groundwater contamination; and

WHEREAS; we have been denied access to the sacred meadow north of Red Butte for over 25 years because of the Canyon Uranium mine and there is not a known time when the meadow will be reclaimed so that we will again have access; and

WHEREAS; we have worked cooperatively with Representative Grijalva's staff to draft the legislation to designate the Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument to withdraw the lands within the National Monument from mining; and

WHEREAS; we have determined that this National Monument will protect our multiple interests in the lands being withdrawn including protection of our sacred sites and areas of cultural significance, our private property interests, our grazing interests, our traditional uses, our water resources and it recognizes our sovereignty as a government capable of participating in the management of these lands that are our homelands and aboriginal territory; and

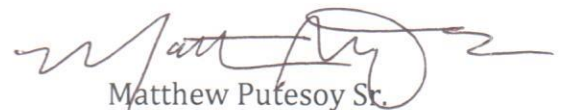
WHEREAS; the legislation establishes a government-to-government process for active and meaningful participation by the Havasupai Tribe in the management of the resources in the National Monument.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Havasupai Tribe supports the designation of the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument as represented in the legislation drafted by Representative Raul Grijalva.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution is adopted pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 1 of the Amended Constitution of the Havasupai Tribe, a federally recognized sovereign Indian Tribe and Article II of the Bylaws of the Havasupai Tribe at the Special Council Meeting of the Tribal Council on the 1st day of October, 2015 by a vote of 4 for; 0 opposed and 0 abstained.

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Matthew Pufesoy Sr.
Acting Tribal Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Wescogame
Tribal Secretary