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Hand-delivered to the President

April 22, 2016

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

Thank you for providing time to meet with your staff regarding the proposal to designate the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument (GGCHNM). Unfortunately, I cannot attend as the sheer volume of pressing matters before the Hopi Tribal Council necessitates my presence on the Hopi Reservation.

The Grand Canyon (*Ongtupqa*) watershed is a very special place to the *Hopisinom*, so much that it deserves protection under the Antiquities Act. The Act was created precisely for the protection of cultural and historic objects. Such Hopi objects permeate the Grand Canyon, and were left behind as “footprints” of ancient villages, trails, petroglyphs, springs, as well as our ancestors’ remains. Hopi ancestors who lived in the Grand Canyon continue to inhabit Arizona land today, and are part of a living landscape that sustains our Hopi identity. The all-encompassing nature of the Hopi relationship to the Grand Canyon is so fundamentally profound it defies simple explanation.

The Hopi legislature also supports this worthy effort. On March 22, 2016, the Hopi People spoke directly to the importance of *Ongtupqa* by unanimously passing Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-033-2016 approving support for a Presidential Proclamation favoring the establishment of the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument. You will find attached to this letter a copy of that Resolution.

One of the foremost concerns of the Hopi involves the enormous damage wrought by uranium mining, and the threat of increased mining activity if former Interior Secretary Salazar’s 20-year new mining claim moratorium isn’t renewed. In fact, according to information provided by the non-profit Grand Canyon Trust, water samples taken by the U.S. Geological Survey show that 15 springs and five wells within the Grand Canyon’s watershed contained dissolved uranium concentrates “related to mining processes” in excess of standards for safe drinking water.

The Hopi People have watched with keen interest your recent Proclamations involving Castle Mountains, Sand to Snow, and Mojave Trails, in recognizing and preserving geographical areas culturally important to Native people. We applaud your courageous actions. But, it is our sincere belief that you are not finished and that we ask that you afford the Hopi, and all other Tribal Nations that hold the Grand Canyon as sacred, the same respect and dignity by bestowing Monument status on the Grand Canyon watershed.

During the 2015 Native Nations Conference you made a commitment to “review tribal proposals to permanently protect sacred lands for future generations.” *On behalf of all Hopisinom I humbly request that you honor this commitment and strongly consider asserting your authority under the Antiquities Act and make the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument a reality.*

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or any other concerns that you may wish to share with me, you may contact me at (928) 734-3101 or by email HeHonanie@hopi.nsn.us.

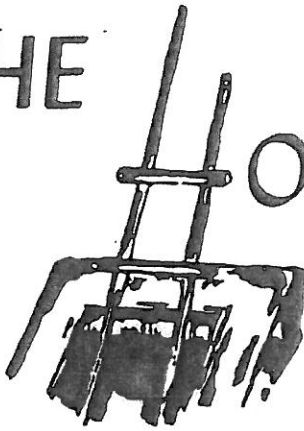
Respectfully,



Herman G. Honanie, Chairman
The Hopi Tribe

CC: The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior —
The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Darren Talayumptewa, Director
Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program

FROM: *Maxine Wadsworth*
Maxine Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary
Hopi Tribal Council

DATE: March 25, 2016

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL FOR A PRESIDENTIAL
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE GREATER GRAND
CANYON HERITAGE NATIONAL MONUMENT - A.I. #041-
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THE HOPI TRIBE
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Hopi Tribal Council on March 22, 2016, by motion and majority vote, approved the above mentioned Action Item and Resolution.

By passage of this Resolution, the Hopi Tribal Council hereby supports the permanent long term protection of cultural and natural resources and sacred sites and access on these public lands through a House Resolution and a Presidential Proclamation designating the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument.

The Hopi Tribal Chairman or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to continue consultations for the purpose of supporting the proposal for the Presidential Proclamation.

Should you have any questions, you may contact me at 928 734-3131. Thank you

c: Office of Chairman
Office of Vice Chairman
Office of the Treasurer
Office of Financial Management
Office of Executive Director
Office of General Counsel
Department of Natural Resources
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time-honored, revered, respected and important place to the Hopi people; and

WHEREAS, Hopi migration is intimately associated with a sacred Covenant between the Hopi people and the Earth Guardian, in which the Hopi people made a solemn promise to protect the land by serving as stewards of the Earth, and in accordance with this Covenant, ancestral Hopi clans emerged through and settled on the lands in and around the Grand Canyon during their long migration to *Tuutwanasavi*, the Earth Center on the Hopi Mesas; and

WHEREAS, Hopi philosophy and teachings provide a way to actively participate in the decision-making process within the dominant society as this knowledge teaches respect for the deceased, respect for archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties and respect for the past, and the Hopi people are committed to carrying out its world stewardship for all living things; and

WHEREAS, the land is a testament of Hopi stewardship through thousands of years, manifested by the "footprints" of ancient villages, sacred springs, migration routes, pilgrimage trails, artifacts, petroglyphs, and the physical remains of buried *Hisatsinom*, the "People of Long Ago," all of which were intentionally left to mark the land as proof that the Hopi people have fulfilled their Covenant, and the Hopi ancestors buried in the area continue to inhabit the land, and they are intimately associated with the clouds that travel out across the countryside to release the moisture that sustains all life; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi footprints and clouds are part of a living, sacred landscape that nourishes

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and sustains Hopi identity, and this landscape is steeped in cultural values and maintained through oral traditions, songs, ceremonial dances, pilgrimages, and stewardship, and as a cultural landscape, the archaeological sites and physical terrain situates the Hopi people in time and space, providing a geographical conception of history and religion that connects the past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi people continue to have a living relationship and connection to its ancestral past including Hopi landscapes, ruins (*kiikiqö*), ceremonial trails (*homvi'kya*), eagle collecting areas (*kwaatitipkya*), shrines (*pahokiki*), offering places (*tuutuskya*), springs (*nöngangva*), rivers (*paayu*), lakes (*patupha*), ancestral burials (*tuutu'ami*), petroglyphs (*tutuventiwngwu*) and places of special events, and Hopi people continue to make annual pilgrimages and deliver offerings as stewards to ancestral Hopi lands (*tutskwa*) to reinforce the Hopi people's connection to their past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe is fully aware that over the last few decades the archaeological, natural and geographic resources in the region have been impacted by uranium mining and we have encouraged the Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service enforce the laws protecting cultural and natural resources on public land around the Grand Canyon; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Grijalva consulted with representatives of the Hopi Tribe and other tribes in the drafting of the proposed Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument (**National Monument**); and

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WHEREAS, Congressman Grijalva, along with the Hopi Tribe and other tribes, have mutually agreed that there will be no significant changes in the current Federal and State management objectives of the land including; grazing, hunting, access for recreation, motorized vehicle restrictions, implementation of wildland fire management and restoration projects within the proposed **National Monument**, as described in The Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument Act Myths vs. Facts (Exhibit "C").

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopi Tribal Council hereby supports the permanent long term protection of cultural and natural resources and sacred sites and access on these public lands through a House Resolution and a Presidential Proclamation designating the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Hopi Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Hopi Tribal Chairman or his designee to continue consultations for the purpose of supporting the proposal for a Presidential Proclamation designating the **National Monument**, which recognizes these lands as Hopi ancestral lands and includes co-management in policy formulation, management, and evaluation of results, and such other approvals, consents, agreements and documents, and any amendments thereof, and to take such other actions on behalf of the Tribe, as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate, implement and otherwise carry out the intents and purposes of this Resolution.

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WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, and the Hopi Tribal Council is empowered by the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a), (d), and (k), respectively: “To represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe . . .”; “To advise with the Secretary of the Interior and other governmental agencies. . .”; and “To protect the arts, crafts, traditions, and ceremonies . . .”; and

WHEREAS, ARTICLE IV-EAGLE HUNTING TERRITORIES AND SHRINES, of the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe provides that the Tribal Council shall negotiate with the United States Government agencies concerned, and with other tribes and other persons concerned, in order to secure protection of the right of the Hopi Tribe to “...secure adequate protection for its outlying, established shrines . . .”; and

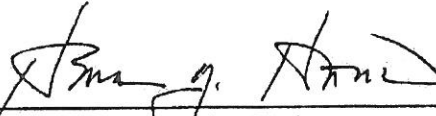
WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution H-098-2011, the Hopi Tribal Council adopted the 2011 revised Hopit Pötskwaniat, the Hopi Tribal Consolidated Strategic Plan, which established Hopi Tribal goals “Towards Preservation & Protection of Cultural Resources”, “to fulfill the constitutional responsibilities in the protection and preservation . . .” and to “continue the preservation and protection of cultural resources including archeological sites, traditional cultural properties and other historical properties.”; and

WHEREAS, *Öngtupqa* (the Grand Canyon), and its contributing Hopi cultural elements is a

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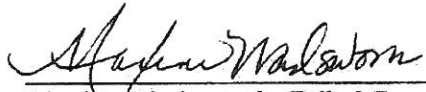
CERTIFICATION

The Hopi Tribal Council duly adopted the foregoing Resolution on March 22, 2016 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining (Chairman presiding and not voting) pursuant to the authority vested in the Hopi Tribal Council by ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a), (d), and (k) of the Hopi Tribal Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona, as ratified by the Tribe on October 24, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on December 19, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934. Said Resolution is effective as of the date of adoption and does not require Secretarial approval.



Herman G. Honanie, Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Maxine Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary
Hopi Tribal Council