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FROM:

MEMORANDUM

Maxine Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary

Hopi Tribal Council

DATE:

March 25, 2016

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL FOR A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE GREATER GRAND

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE GREATER GRAND CANYON HERITAGE NATIONAL MONUMENT – A.I. #041-

2016/H-033-2016

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
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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 outlaying, 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

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 *Tuuwanasavi*, 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

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

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

connection to their past, present and future; 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

- 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.

#### **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