



# Inter Tribal Association of Arizona

21 TRIBAL NATIONS

## Resolution No. 0316

### Support for Designation of Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument

Ak-Chin Indian  
Community  
Cocopah  
Indian Tribe  
Colorado River  
Indian Tribes  
Fort McDowell  
Yavapai Nation  
Fort Mojave  
Indian Tribe  
Gila River Indian  
Community  
Havasupai Tribe  
Hopi Tribe  
Hualapai Tribe  
Kaibab Band of Paiute  
Indians  
Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Pueblo of Zuni  
Quechan Tribe  
Salt River Pima-  
Maricopa Indian  
Community  
San Carlos  
Apache Tribe  
San Juan  
Southern Paiute Tribe  
Tohono O'odham  
Nation  
Tonto Apache Tribe  
White Mountain  
Apache Tribe  
Yavapai-Apache  
Nation  
Yavapai-Prescott  
Indian Tribe

**WHEREAS,** the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona, an association of 21 tribal governments in Arizona, provides a forum for tribal governments to advocate for national, regional and specific tribal concerns and to join in united action to address these issues; and

**WHEREAS,** the Member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona have the authority to act to further their collective interests as sovereign tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS,** the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona has the charge to support and represent particular member Tribes on matters directly affecting them upon their request; and

**WHEREAS,** the Grand Canyon is a location of significance to the Native People of the Southwest with numerous locations of religious and cultural importance within the area designated as Grand Canyon National Park and on the Federal lands surrounding the Park; and

**WHEREAS,** the springs and seeps that provide the water for life in the Canyon for us and for the plants and animals on which we depend must be protected from depletion and from contamination and are at risk; and

**WHEREAS,** the ancient trails that we travel to reach each other travel through the Canyons, between the springs and across the Plateau are at risk; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed legislation HR 3882 recognizes the importance of these lands to the Native People affiliated with the Grand Canyon Region and provides an advisory role for our Tribes and Nations regarding management of the National Monument so that we may inform the land management agencies about impacts from proposed actions; and

**WHEREAS**, mining and in particular the expansion of uranium mining around the Grand Canyon poses the greatest threat to our springs and seeps and to our continued use of these lands for our religious, cultural and traditional purposes; and


**WHEREAS**, the designation of the Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument will ban new uranium mining claims within the Monument.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona support the passage of HR 3882 to create the Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the Congressional effort to pass HR 3882 does not proceed the member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona support a Presidential Proclamation establishing the Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument under the authority of the Antiquities Act.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was presented and duly adopted at a meeting of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona, where a quorum was present on **Friday, April 8, 2016**.



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Shan Lewis,  
President, Inter Tribal Association of Arizona  
Vice-Chairman, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe