RESOLUTION 2019-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, IN SUPPORT OF THE PERMANENT WITHDRAWAL OF THE GRAND CANYON AND SURROUNDING WATERSHED ACREAGE FROM MINING AND OTHER FORMS OF WITHDRAWAL AND APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC LANDS.

WHEREAS, Coconino County previously adopted a resolution (No. 2008-09) which stated clearly that the County "opposes uranium development on lands in the proximity of the Grand Canyon National Park and its watersheds"; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva, along with 27 cosponsors including Rep. Tom O'Halleran, introduced H.R. 1373, the Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act, on February 26th, 2019 which will prohibit all mining and other extractions within the Grand Canyon National Park and its watershed, protecting over one-million acres from mining contamination; and

WHEREAS, the negative health impacts of uranium mining are evident throughout the County and within the Grand Canyon National Park and its watershed with radioactive waste from uranium mining;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Coconino County Board of Supervisors reaffirms Resolution 2008-09 and opposes uranium mining in the Grand Canyon National Park and its watershed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Coconino County supports and urges passage of legislation that will permanently prohibit future mining and other forms of withdrawal and appropriation of public lands in the Grand Canyon National Park and its watershed.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of April, 2019.

AYES: 4

NO'S:

ABSENT: Ø

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Art Babbott, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lindsay Daley Clerk of the Board APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rose Winkeler

Deputy County Attorney