Resolution 0121

Support of H.R. 1052, the Grand Canyon Protection Act

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 concerns; 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 Native People and for the plants and animals on which we depend are at risk and must be protected from depletion and from contamination; and

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

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation, H.R. 1052, the Grand Canyon Protection Act, recognizes the importance of these lands to the Native People affiliated with the Grand Canyon region; and

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

WHEREAS, the passage of the Grand Canyon Protection Act will ban new uranium mining within the public lands on and around the Grand Canyon.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona support the passage of H.R. 1052.

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, February 26, 2021.

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