



Inter Tribal Association of Arizona

21 TRIBAL NATIONS

Resolution 0121

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

- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Cocopah 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 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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President, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation