

**RESOLUTION NO. 3351**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE BAAJ NWAAVJO I'TAH KUKVENI GRAND CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT ON FEDERAL LANDS SURROUNDING GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Payson appreciates the value of the Grand Canyon as valuable water, recreation and cultural resource for the region and an economic asset for Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Payson understands the connection between ground and surface water and that Arizona’s fragile water resources must be safeguarded from pollution and depletion; and

**WHEREAS**, the ground and surface water within the greater Grand Canyon region is an integral part of the watershed for the Colorado River, a resource Arizona and the Southwest depends on; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Canyon region is an integral part of the Grand Canyon State’s landscape, and like the Mogollon Rim, plays an integral role in the significant outdoor recreation and tourism economy of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, National Monument status will protect important cultural, recreation, and water resources and would not impact important public access or existing uses such as hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping; and

**WHEREAS**, National Monument status would apply only to lands already managed by the Federal Government. State and private lands are ineligible for inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, National Monument status is supported by numerous Arizona tribes including our valued neighbors the Tonto Apache Tribe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. That the Town of Payson supports the designation of the Baaj Nwaavjo I’tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument on 1,102,501 acres of federal public lands north and south of Grand Canyon National Park for the protection of critical recreation, water and cultural resources.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA**, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, by the following vote:

AYES \_\_\_\_\_ NOES \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

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Chris Higgins, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Tracie Bailey, Town Clerk

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Jon Paladini Pierce Coleman PLLC, Town Attorney