



**SHIVWITS BAND OF PAIUTES
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-10**

Re: Support for Designation of the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument in Northern Arizona

WHEREAS, the Shivwits Band of Paiutes (Shivwits Band or Shivwits) has the authority, pursuant to the inherent sovereign authority of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, the Paiute Restoration Act, 76 U.S.C. 782(b), Public Law 96-227; the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. 461, Article VIII, of the Constitution of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, and Article II, Section 1 of the Shivwits Band Bylaws (Bylaws) to govern the Shivwits Band Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, the Bylaws, Article II, Section 1, provide that the governing body of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes is the Shivwits Band Council (Council); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article I of the Bylaws, the Shivwits Band government is dedicated to the conservation and careful development of Shivwits Band lands and other resources to promote the cultural well-being of its people; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XII, Sections 1 and 2 of the Bylaws, the Council takes official action by resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Shivwits Band has ancestral ties to the Grand Canyon and the lands and waters around it, with ancestral homeland stretching the length of the Shivwits Plateau to the edge of the Colorado River; and,

WHEREAS, the Shivwits Band continues to access and utilize these lands for ongoing cultural and religious practices; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Canyon is a place of immense importance to Native people in the Southwest who are the original stewards of that land; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Canyon is one of the greatest natural attractions on Earth and is a national treasure of tremendous import to all people for its cultural, historical, environmental, geological, and economic significance; and,

WHEREAS, the Kaibab Plateau surrounding the Grand Canyon contains numerous sites of sacred value and environmental significance to Native American Tribes and others; and,

WHEREAS, the environmental viability of the Grand Canyon and surrounding environs is threatened by uranium mining and other resource-extractive industries; and,

WHEREAS, 1,102,501 acres of National Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands around Grand Canyon National Park deserve and require protection from such threats; and,

WHEREAS, Tribes affiliated with the Grand Canyon, including the Shivwits Band, have formed the Grand Canyon Tribal Coalition to urge President Biden to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate these watershed lands around the Grand Canyon National Park as the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument; now, therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED the Shivwits Band Council calls for President Biden to designate more than one million acres of federal land around Grand Canyon National Park as Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument.

Authority for the foregoing Resolution is based on the Band's inherent sovereign authority, the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1984 (48 Stat. 984), as amended and implemented by the Constitution of the Paiute Tribe of Utah, including Article VIII, Sections 2(a)(b)(c)(d) and (j), and the Bylaws of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, including Articles II, VII, Section 4, and XII, Sections 1 and 2.

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It is hereby certified that the foregoing, "Resolution 2023-10" was adopted by the affirmative vote of 2 for and 1 against at a duly called meeting of the Shivwits Band Council, composed of 4 members of whom 3 members constituting a quorum were present, and 0 absent, held on July 13, 2023.

By: 
Chairperson

Attested By: 
Shivwits Secretary