



June 16, 2014

Resolution No. M70-2014-Q066

### ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Six Tenientes is declared to be the legislative authority of the Pueblo of Zuni by Article V, Section 1 and the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe, and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council has the authority in accordance with Article VI, Section 1, g and f of the Constitution to represent the Tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council has, through many resolutions and actions, supported and promoted historic preservation activated for the benefit of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribe has aboriginal and ancestral ties to the Grand Canyon, and have been making pilgrimages and visits to reaffirm our ties to the Grand Canyon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribe has ancestral site, sacred sites, shrines and Tribal Cultural Properties within and around the Grand Canyon that have Religious, cultural and traditional significance to the Zuni way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni People represented by their traditions have established their cultural footprints throughout the Grand Canyon and the North and South American continents and particularly the American Southwest, and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni People have a cultural, Traditional and Religious relationship and connection to its ancestral and aboriginal past and of most significance the place of origin of the Ashiwi, including ancestral sites, sacred sites, shrines, springs, rivers, lakes, ancestral burials, petroglyphs, places of significant events, and all life including aquatic, mammal, animal, plants and all birds and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni people make pilgrimages and monitoring visits and make offerings as stewards to ancestral and aboriginal lands to reinforce our connection to our place of origin, present and future, and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni has significant responsibility to preserve and protect the life and sites from harm and wrongful exploitation and to provide care for these special places and to provide

traditional, cultural and religious knowledge about these places to the current and coming generations of Zuni People, and

**WHEREAS**, the rituals prayers and practices of the Zuni Tribes Religious, Spiritual, Medicinal and Koko societies have significance to the Grand Canyon which would be impacted by any economic development within the Grand Canyon; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed development and location unacceptable to the Zuni people, religious leaders, practitioners as it will significantly and forever adversely impact Zuni sacred places to which Zunis have aboriginal and ancestral title and use, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed development will forever compromise the tranquility and sacredness of the areas in and around the Grand Canyon which includes the origin place of the Zuni and resting place of ancestors, and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 13007n Indian Sacred Sites addresses Accommodation of Sacred Sites, and the Grand Canyon is eligible as a Traditional Cultural Property pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples, and adopted by the United States, states “Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinctive spiritual relationship with their traditionally owned or otherwise occupied and used land...and other resources and uphold their responsibilities to future generations in this regard, and

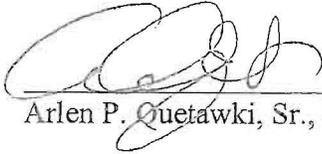
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Zuni Tribe hereby strongly opposes the proposed development of this commercial initiative called “Grand Canyon Escalade.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Zuni Tribe calls upon the other tribes to which the Grand Canyon is sacred, the National Congress of American Indians, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, the APCG, and the National Park Service to join in opposing this development and collectively support legislation to protect the Grand Canyon and other Native American Sacred Sites, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Zuni Tribe directs the Zuni Tribal Council, the Zuni Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Zuni Cultural Enterprise Program, the Zuni Cultural Resource Advisory Team to pursue all avenues, including legal action[s] and sponsorship of legislation at the National and State levels to protect all Native American Sacred Sites, and to oppose and prevent this development, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Zuni Tribal Council recognizes that in order to have appropriate/adequate protection of traditional cultural, sacred sites, aboriginal and ancestral lands the Zuni Tribal Council established this resolution to officially oppose the proposed commercial development of the “**Grand Canyon Escalade**” an undertaking of the Navajo Tribe/Project and developers.

ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL:

  
Arlen P. Quetawki, Sr., Governor

  
Steve K. Boone, Lieutenant Governor

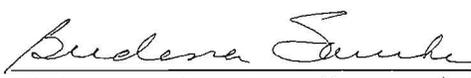
(Vacant), Head Councilman

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Loren L. Leekela, Sr., Councilman

  
Gerald Hooee, Sr., Councilman

  
Mark Martinez, Councilman

  
Birdena Sanchez, Councilwoman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Zuni, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that the same was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed on June 16, 2014.

  
Steve K. Boone, Tribal Council Secretary  
Pueblo of Zuni

       APPROVED /        DISAPPROVED

  
Arlen P. Quetawki, Sr., Governor  
Pueblo of Zuni

6-16-14  
Date