

#### PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## M E M O R A N D U M

DATE:

July 27, 2016

TO:

Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

FROM:

Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor, and Sharon Bronson, Board Chair

**REGARDING:** 

Item for the August 2, 2016 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the August 2, 2016 agenda addendum:

### **Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO EXERCISE HIS AUTHORITY UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES ACT OF 1906 TO CREATE A GREATER GRAND CANYON HERITAGE NATIONAL MONUMENT. (Districts 5 and 3).

Thank you





#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALLING FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO EXERCISE HIS AUTHORITY UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES ACT OF 1906 TO CREATE A GREATER GRAND CANYON HERITAGE NATIONAL MONUMENT

WHEREAS, the Grand Canyon is one of the world's great natural wonders and an important cultural, ecological, and economic resource for Arizona and the nation, and

WHEREAS, a greater Grand Canyon region designated for national monument status encompasses 1.7 million acres of public land that surrounds Grand Canyon National Park and needs this protection to preserve the Park's remarkable values, and

WHEREAS, the tribal nations and communities of the Colorado River Basin, including Havasupai Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, the Colorado River Native Tribes and the Inter-Tribal Association of Arizona, support the permanent protection of the land, water and sacred sites within the greater Grand Canyon region through designation of a Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument, and

WHEREAS, uranium mining, logging and proposals for destructive and water-intensive tourist attractions threaten the viability of the greater Grand Canyon region, the watershed of which feeds the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park, and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River is the source of drinking water for more than one million Pima County residents via the Central Arizona Project, and

WHEREAS, permanent protection of the greater Grand Canyon region would ensure and enhance the myriad recreational opportunities such as hiking, hunting, mountain biking, and backpacking for Arizonans and visitors from around the world, and

WHEREAS, permanent protection of the greater Grand Canyon region would preserve and enhance the region's beauty, air quality, and ecosystem in all its aspects – wildlife and its habitat, the extensive watershed, and the unique flora, and

WHEREAS, many Pima County residents, including elected officials, military veterans, members of civic organizations, and business owners support permanent protection of the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage area as a National Monument,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby calls for President Barack Obama to exercise his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 without delay to establish the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument in order to preserve the many natural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and cultural values found within its boundaries.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Sur, 2016.	pervisors of Pima County thisday of
	The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair Pima County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Robin Brigode, Clerk Pima County Board of Supervisors	Deputy County Attorney  ANDREW FLAGG