



Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SAVE OAK FLAT ACT AND S. 915

Resolution No. Ft. McD. 2021 – 35

WHEREAS, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (“Nation”) is a federally recognized Indian tribe and a sovereign nation governed by its Constitution and laws; and,

WHEREAS, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”) is the governing body of the Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Oak Flat is a sacred part of the ancestral homelands of the Nation, plays an essential role in the Nation’s religion, tradition, and culture, and has deep tribal religious, cultural, archaeological, historical, and environmental significance; and,

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2016, Oak Flat was listed on the National Park Service’s National Register of Historic Places as a Traditional Cultural Property; and,

WHEREAS, in response to a years-long effort by Resolution Copper to mine the Oak Flat area of Tonto National Forest, Arizona Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva has proposed the Save Oak Flat Act, H.R. 1884, which would permanently protect the Oak Flat region from destructive mining proposals; and,

WHEREAS, similarly, Senator Bernie Sanders has proposed a bill, S. 915, which would repeal Section 3003 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, which mandates the federal government transfer 2,422 acres of Tonto National Forest to Resolution Copper in exchange for less valuable land elsewhere; and,

WHEREAS, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Council fully supports the Save Oak Flat Act, as well as S. 915, and urges a call to action to recognize the significance of the two pieces of legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council, on behalf of the Nation, fully supports the Save Oak Flat Act and S. 915.

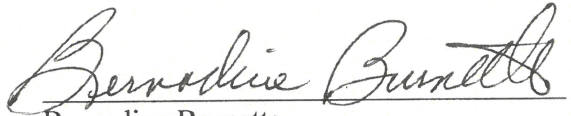
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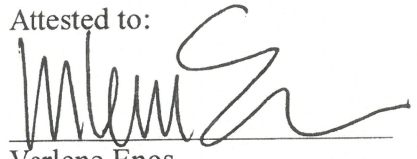
Pursuant to the authority contained in Article V, Section 13(A)(1), (5), (6), (12), (13), (15), (21), and 13(B)(1) and (2), of the Constitution of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation ratified by the Tribe on October 19, 1999 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1999, the foregoing Resolution No. 2021-35 was adopted this 20 day of April, 2021 at a Special Tribal Council Meeting held at Fort McDowell at which a quorum of 5 members were present, 0 absent, by a vote of 4 for and 0 opposed and 0 abstained.

Vote of the Tribal Council:

Per the Nation's Constitution, Article V, the President only votes in a tie vote or under Article IX.

Bernadine Burnette, President	<u> </u> Absent	<u> </u> for	<u> </u> opposed	<u> </u> abstained
Paul J. Russell, Vice President	<u> </u> Absent	<u>X</u> for	<u> </u> opposed	<u> </u> abstained
Pansy Thomas, Treasurer	<u> </u> Absent	<u>X</u> for	<u> </u> opposed	<u> </u> abstained
Gerald Doka, Council Member	<u> </u> Absent	<u>X</u> for	<u> </u> opposed	<u> </u> abstained
Ruben Balderas, Council Member	<u> </u> Absent	<u>X</u> for	<u> </u> opposed	<u> </u> abstained


Bernadine Burnette
President, Tribal Council

Attested to:

Verlene Enos
Tribal Secretary

April 20, 2021
Date