Proclamation

of the Town of Tusayan
In Support of Our Federal Partners, Workers, and Shared Mission Focus

Whereas, the Town of Tusayan is home to several Wonders of the World; and

Whereas, the Grand Canyon is one of those Wonders of the World; and

Whereas, Grand Canyon National Park contributes $1 billion in economic output and $768 million to nearby communities.*[i]

Whereas, Grand Canyon National Park supports more than 10,000 local jobs; and

Whereas, the Town of Tusayan's economy was disseminated overnight during the COVID-19 National Park Closures; and

Whereas, the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni National Monument completely encompasses the incorporated boundaries of the Town of Tusayan; and

Whereas, the National Monument exists to protect the natural heritage of the 13 Indigenous tribes which consider the Grand Canyon area homeland; and

Whereas, a sizable portion of the Town of Tusayan's population is Indigenous; and

Whereas, this Homeland is a cultural wonder of the world; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Land Management and Kaibab National Forest have been charged with the responsibility of protecting national monument assets; and

Whereas, the world's largest contiguous ponderosa forest exists within the Kaibab National Forest boundaries; and

Whereas, this ponderosa forest is a natural wonder of the world; and

Whereas, portions of the Kaibab National Forest are within the Town of Tusayan's incorporated boundaries; and

Whereas, Kaibab National Forest employees maintain the health and productivity of this forest and manage it for a variety of uses including recreation, fire, and wildlife; and

Whereas, a public health crisis could exist if campgrounds and certain federal assets are not well maintained; and

Whereas, the Town of Tusayan and her residents are dependent on Grand Canyon National Park, the Kaibab National Forest, and the Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni National Monument for economic, psychological, and physical health and well-being; and

Whereas, many Forest Service employees call Tusayan home; and

Whereas, the Town of Tusayan has many formal and informal programing efforts in the Kaibab National Forest and in conjunction with the National Forest Service; and

Whereas, many local business owners have economic interests in the Kaibab National Forest and in conjunction with the National Park and they are dependent on these interests for economic survival; and

Whereas, Wildland Fire is a constant threat to the health and safety of all of Tusayan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TUSAYAN, ARIZONA BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN US BY THE LAW RECITED ABOVE AND BY THIS PROCLAMATION DO:

Proclaim that we stand in solidarity with our friends and partner agencies at the federal level. We acknowledge their work efforts and view it as integral to our survival. Town Staff is hereby directed to prepare to lend support and aid to the aforementioned in whatever degree feasible and return to Council with ongoing status reports and action proposals, on this 4th day of March 2025.

SIGNED

Clarinda Vail, Tusayan Mayor

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[1] https://www.grandcanyontrust.org/blog/grand-canyon-tourism-fuels-arizona-economy/