Proclamation

of the Town of Tusayan
In Support of Protecting our Natural Wonders and Federal Land Reserves

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, 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, the Town of Tusayan and her residents are dependent on the Kaibab National Forest for economic, psychological, and physical health and well-being; and

Whereas, the Town of Tusayan has many formal and informal programing efforts in the Kaibab National Forest, National Monument area, 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, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a budget reconciliation bill, is currently pending before the United States Congress; and

Whereas, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act was passed in the House of Representatives in May 2025 and is actively being reviewed by the Senate currently, with a vote on its passage expected before July 4, 2025; and

Whereas, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee added a provision that that would require the sale of 2.1 – 3.3 million acres of federal public land within 5 years, primarily managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service; and

Whereas, the Town Council has determined that the mandatory disposal of Bureau of Land Management Land and National Forest System Land for Housing provision may adversely affect the interests of the Town of Tusayan and its residents; and

Whereas, the Town Council wishes to formally express its opposition to the mandatory disposal of Bureau of Land Management Land and National Forest System Land for Housing provision added to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and communicate this position to federal representatives

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 are in support of preserving federal lands in reserve as part of our nation's heritage for future generations to enjoy. We do hereby oppose the mandatory disposal of Bureau of Land Management Land and National Forest System Land provision added to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. 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 24th day of June 2025.

SIGNED

Clarinda Vail, Tusayan Mayor

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