

RESOLUTION NO. 1319

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMS,
OPPOSING THE CREATION OF THE PROPOSED GRAND CANYON WATERSHED
NATIONAL MONUMENT**

WHEREAS, Representatives of the State of Arizona have made a request to President Obama to declare certain lands to be the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument Pursuant to the President's authority under the Antiquities Act.

WHEREAS, the creation of a National Monument by Presidential Declaration does not allow for input from local communities that may be impacted by the creation of a National Monument; no input has been requested from local communities prior to the submission of the letter requesting Monument Designation; and no information about the impact has been distributed to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a National Monument without local input could result in negative impacts on the local uses of Federal lands such as: access for grazing, hunting, water development, and forest restoration, which would result in negative economic and public health impacts to the City of Williams; and

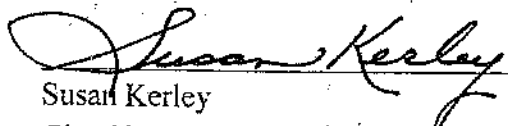
WHEREAS, The National Park System currently has an approximately twelve billion dollar maintenance backlog, with the Grand Canyon National Park maintenance backlog estimated to be four hundred million dollars. The Federal Government should not take further obligations for public lands when the current obligations are not funded; and

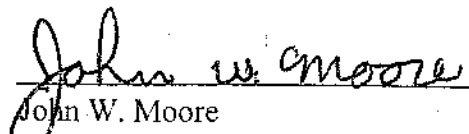
WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Williams have expressed opposition to the proposed Monument Designation due to the negative economic and recreational impacts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Williams, Coconino County, Arizona, that the City of Williams strongly opposes the designation of a Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument in lands surrounding the Grand Canyon National Park, which locks away 1.7 million acres of land in Northern Arizona without regard to the impacts on neighboring communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Williams, Arizona, this 9th day of April 2015, with in favor and opposing.

ATTEST:


Susan Kerley
City Clerk


John W. Moore
Mayor