

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FREDONIA OPPOSING
THE CREATION OF A GRAND CANYON WATERSHED NATIONAL MONUMENT

Whereas, U.S. Representatives from Arizona have pursued an action by the United States government to establish a Grand Canyon Watershed national monument that will encompass areas in the Kaibab Plateau including surrounding areas of the Town;

Whereas, the Town Council serves to act on behalf of its citizens regarding matters that will impact its citizens;

Whereas, the Town is concerned about the economic impact on the Town and its citizens of establishment of such a national monument;

Whereas, the impact on the Town and its citizens includes but is not limited to (a) the closing of three businesses: a rock company, a uranium mine, and a logging company, (b) the impairment of small independent businesses and individuals that log off the Kaibab Forest to supplement their income via firewood (as about half of the community heats with wood), (c) expected reduction or even extinction of local ranching efforts if grazing permits are not renewed or are reduced, and (d) loss of recreation and tourism from loss of access to areas and lands locals and tourists have frequented;

Whereas, Fredonia has an unemployment rate of 6.9%, which is already higher than the Arizona rate of 6.2% and the national average rate of 5.5%;

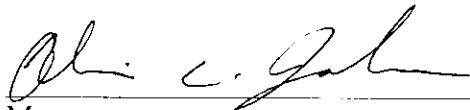
Whereas, the above impacts will in turn cause a loss of revenue to a Town already heavily burdened from loss of tax revenues and higher unemployment, as well as a further loss of revenue from the expected loss of residents that have to move away to make a living elsewhere.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Fredonia hereby opposes the establishment of a Grand Canyon Watershed national monument because of the adverse impact that it would have on the Town and its citizens;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Interim Town Manager, Christy Riddle, is authorized and directed to share this resolution with any and all appropriate recipients, including media, to make the Town's resolution in opposition known to those in the United States government.

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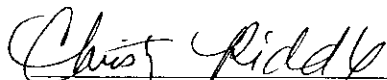
Passed and adopted by the TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN OF FREDONIA this 14th day of April, 2015.




Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Town Clerk



Town Attorney

Mangum, Wall, Stoops & Warden PLLC