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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF HONORABLE PETERSON ZAH, AND PROCLAIMING MARCH 21, 2023 AS HONORABLE PETERSON ZAH DAY IN COCONINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Coconino County observes the Honorable Peterson Zah Remembrance Day, as he was as a leader of the largest American Indian tribe, (Navajo/Dineh) in the United States of America, which spanned into three states Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, as the last Navajo Nation Chairman (1981-1987) and First Navajo Nation President (1990-1995); and

WHEREAS, Coconino County recognizes the Honorable Zah's accomplishments for establishing the Navajo Nation's permanent trust fund in securing the future of Dineh people, increasing Native American retention rates at Arizona State University (ASU) from 43% to 78%, his attention to helping and defending the interest of Native American people, as well as his respect for the multitude of leaders across the world; and

WHEREAS, Coconino County honors the Honorable Peterson Zah's leadership as courageous, inspirational, exceptional, intense, impactful, and, as such, was an exemplary of living a life of worthiness by staying connected to his Dineh cultural and traditional ways of life; and

WHEREAS, Coconino County embraces the Honorable Peterson Zah's representation of strengthening the relationship between the county and the sovereign Native American tribes in Arizona and more specifically to the six tribes calling Coconino County home; and

WHEREAS, Coconino County is dedicated to preserving and promoting the Honorable Zah's legacy by encouraging the deep importance of understanding the significance of Indigenous kinship when working with tribal nations as these are vibrant traditions, cultures, values, and way of life that is passed from generations to generations in Indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS, Coconino County Board of Supervisors recommits the core values of our organization, which include diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice moving Native American communities forward;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in the spirit of celebrating and honoring the positive contributions of the Honorable Peterson Zah, a key leader in Native American government and education to our county, our nation and our society, we do hereby recognize March 21, 2023 as Honorable Peterson Zah Day and encourage all residents to join us in acknowledging and celebrating the life and significant contributions of the late Honorable Peterson Zah Day of this great land; reflecting on and embracing the diversity that strengthens us.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2023.

AYES: 5
NOS: 0
ABSENT: 0

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(SEAL)




Patrice Horstman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Monique Coady, Deputy County Attorney

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