



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY,
ARIZONA, APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE TUBA CITY ELECTIONS OFFICE
TO THE ALTA EDISON NATIVE AMERICAN OUTREACH CENTER**

WHEREAS, Alta Edison, Diné, was born in 1957 in Sand Springs, Arizona, near the Colorado River in the Navajo Nation, and was of the Deer Spring (Bijih Bitoodnii) clan, born for the Tangle (Ta'neesahnii) clan, her maternal grandparents were of the Towering House (Kiyaa'anii) clan, and her paternal grandparents were of the Red Running Into the Water (Táchii'nii) clan; and

WHEREAS, Alta began working in the Coconino County Recorder's Office in 1979 and was instrumental in creating the County's Native American Elections Outreach program to serve the unique needs of the six tribes in Coconino County; and

WHEREAS, this program has provided culturally sensitive and appropriate civic education, voter engagement, registration, and participation over the forty years of her incredible tenure, thereby promoting and preserving the voting rights of historically marginalized communities in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, seeing the need to reach indigenous communities in a more effective way, Alta worked collaboratively to develop the Navajo Language Terminology Guide, a working document that clarifies elections terms in the Diné language to help Diné voters to this day; and

WHEREAS, Alta overcame considerable challenges over her lifelong tenure as an elections worker to provide excellent elections services in rural communities of Arizona despite the absence of rural addressing and maps, conducting voter registration drives door-to-door, in outdoor community markets, and was a steadfast and celebrated fixture in the communities she served; and

WHEREAS, because of her steadfastness and exemplary leadership, Alta and her team were nationally recognized in 2019 with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2019 Clearinghouse Award for Innovation in Elections; and

WHEREAS, Alta continued her work despite the unprecedented global pandemic in the 2020 election cycle, conducting drive-through voter registration drives in tribal communities to ensure every Arizonan's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the record-breaking success of and participation in the 2020 elections could not have happened without the dedication of elections heroes like Alta, who faithfully served the residents of Coconino County and the citizens of Arizona, and was truly a dedicated public servant, an honored member of the Coconino County family, and a valued part of Arizona's elections team; and

WHEREAS, Alta Edison did the majority of her voter outreach work from the Tuba City Elections Office during election times and thus it is fitting to recognize her many accomplishments and her outstanding commitment and dedication to Coconino County by naming the Tuba City Elections Office the Alta Edison Native American Outreach Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the Board of Supervisors' authority to name County owned buildings, the Board hereby approves the naming of the Tuba City Elections Office as described herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May 2023.

AYES: 5
NOS: 0
ABSENT: 0

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(SEAL)




Patrice Horstman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Attorney

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board