

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, OPPOSING THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE APPROVAL OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT TO FACILITATE MASSIVE NEW TUSAYAN DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL BE HARMFUL TO THE GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK AND THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF TOURISM INDUSTRY**

#### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, the City of Tusayan, Arizona has requested the U.S. Forest Service to grant a right-of-way easement to facilitate a massive new development immediately adjacent to the Grand Canyon National Park that will consist of more than 2,000 residences and more than three million square feet of retail and commercial space; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development in Tusayan, Arizona cannot proceed without U.S. Forest Service approval of the requested right-of-way easement; and

WHEREAS, the economy of the City of Flagstaff relies heavily on tourism revenues; and

WHEREAS, Flagstaff is home to many hotels and restaurants and shops that rely heavily on tourists traveling through Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon National Park; and

WHEREAS, more visitors stay in Flagstaff, Arizona before visiting the Grand Canyon National Park than in any other Arizona community; and

WHEREAS, there are 76 hotel properties with 5,158 rooms in the City of Flagstaff that serve four million tourists annually, the majority of whom travel to Flagstaff on their way to see the Grand Canyon; and

WHEREAS, the proposed massive retail/tourism development that will only be possible with the grant of the right-of-way easement by the U.S. Forest Service will negatively impact tourism revenues and employment in the City of Flagstaff.

#### **ENACTMENTS:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Flagstaff opposes the U.S. Forest Service approval of the requested right-of-way easement for the proposed massive retail/tourism development because it will have a detrimental impact on the Flagstaff tourism economy and all of the businesses located in Flagstaff that rely on tourist revenues.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Flagstaff this 10th day of March, 2015.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY