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RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

REAFFIRMING, AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER AND THE DISTRICT 1 (ONE) GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER TO IMPLEMENT AN INDEFINITE FERAL HORSE, STRAY AND UNCLAIMED LIVESTOCK REMOVAL PROGRAM IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ECOLOGICAL HEALTH & PRODUCTIVITY OF THE NAVAJO RANGELANDS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE NAVAJO PEOPLE.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3, and 11 N.N.C. Section 10 the Coppermine Chapter is a duly recognized and certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; and
2. Navajo Nation Council Resolution #CAP-34-98 codifies 26 Navajo Nation code, the Local Governance Act, which authorized chapters to implement community-based projects beneficial to the community members; and
3. The Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife have identified 38,000 horses through an official survey; and
4. Bureau of Indian Affairs/Branch of Natural Resources vegetation studies reveal the land cannot sustain the current permitted number of livestock thus further impacting the range conditions; and
5. The excess population of feral horses and stray livestock are causing deterioration and depletion of resources on the Navajo Nation grazing lands, which includes, wildlife ecological damage, water sources, range lands, and sacred sites, at a rapid speed; and
6. The excess population of stray and feral horses and livestock are over utilizing the range, and causing negative economic impacts on ranchers, farmers, and residents; and
7. Inadequate availability of rangeland forage cause livestock to seek forage within highway Right-of Ways creating a dangerous driving environment resulting in injury, death and property damage; and
8. Free roaming stallions, bulls and other livestock create a public safety issue for children, elderly and individuals enjoying the outdoor environment; and
9. To encourage volunteer livestock removal for Navajo families with limited resources to market their livestock; and
10. The Coppermine Chapter recognizes there are livestock producers who are willfully in livestock trespass; and
11. The Coppermine Chapter aspires to honor and comply with all Navajo Nation Grazing Regulations and supports Navajo Ranchers and Producers, in attempts to provide an opportunity for economic reciprocity; and
12. The Navajo Nation Code, Title 3, Chapter 7, Subsection 1311. Livestock or equine Roundup Procedures and Requirements sets forth legal regulations.

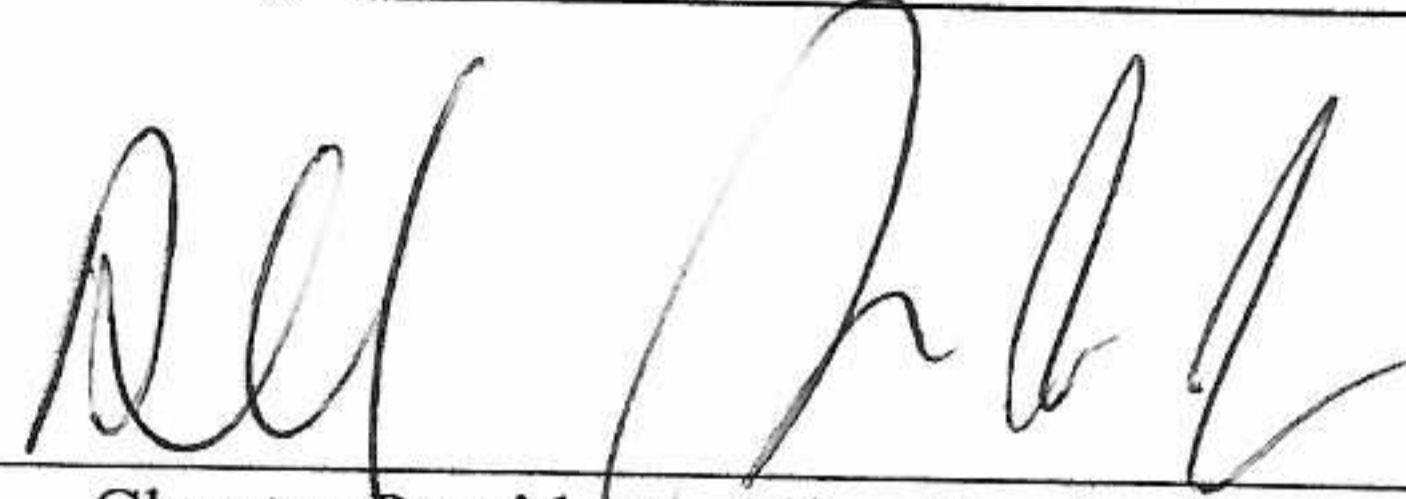
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

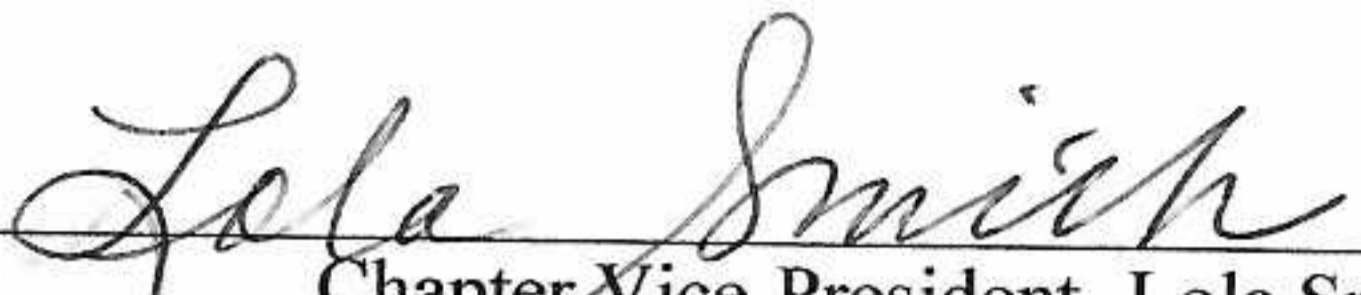
1. The Coppermine Chapter authorizing the Grazing Official, the Department of Agriculture, The Department of Resource Enforcement, The Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Natural Resources, to assist with all livestock removal activities.
2. The Coppermine Chapter encourages humane methods of entrapment be utilized throughout the livestock removal program.
3. Rights-of-Way will be continuously patrolled for livestock in trespass.
4. The Department of Agriculture, the Department of Resource Enforcement shall plan and coordinate voluntary livestock sales.
5. The Navajo Nation shall comply with 3NNC, Chapter 7, subsection 1311.
6. The Navajo Nation shall assist transportation for individuals in need of resource to market their livestock upon availability of resources.
7. The implementation of the feral, stray and unclaimed livestock removal program shall be indefinite.

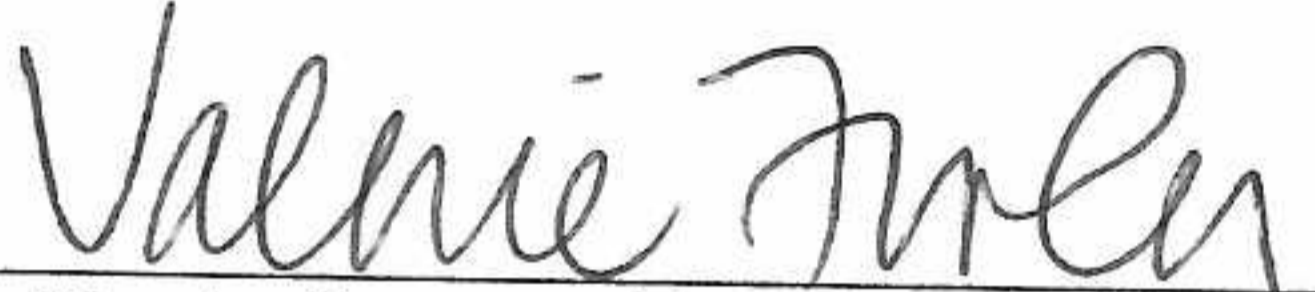
CERTIFICATION

We, Hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly call Chapter Meeting at Coppermine Chapter, Navajo Nation (Arizona) where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor 1 opposed and 0 abstained, this 20 day of June 2022

Motioned by: Lola Smith Second by: Stanford Fowler


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