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COPPERMINE CHAPTER RESOLUTION

CO-07-059-19

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF TOM O'HALLERAN, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, REPRESENTING ARIZONA'S 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TO APPROVE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,128 FOR KITCHEN/BATHROOM ADDITIONS AND LABOR COST IN THE FORMER BENNETT FREEZE AREA.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3 (A), the Coppermine Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation as listed under 11 N.N.C., part 1, Section 10; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B), the Coppermine Chapter is delegated the governmental authority to make decisions over local matters consistent with Navajo Laws, customs, and tradition; and
3. The Snyder Act of 1921 (23 U.S.C. 13) was the first formal legislative authority allowing health services to be provided to Native Americans. In 1957, the Indian Facilities Act authorized funding for community hospital construction. This authority was expanded in 1959 with the Indian Sanitation and Facilities Act, which also authorized construction and maintenance of sanitation facilities for Native American homes, communities, and lands; and
4. Indian Health Service initial plans to deliver water to the Koko Extension by extending a pipeline from Kaibeto to First Windmill will be costly, and because IHS prioritizes projects based on the cost per household to deliver water, the Koko extension could be years away from implementation. Using a new well and storage tank in the Koko area significantly reduces IHS costs per household of delivering water to this area, and could enable IHS to advance the priority of all phases of the Koko extension—meaning that more unserved residents in the former Bennett Freeze area can get water sooner; and
5. Coppermine Chapter has made an assessment to identified individual homes for repairs or renovations and to estimate the cost to repair the existing structure identifying the individual homes and specific actions to make them habitable. This list has been reviewed by the Former Bennett Freeze Area Planning Group and reviewed by the Coppermine Chapter Planning Committee and the Community Land Use Planning Committee and Chapter members as it approaches implementation, see **Exhibit A & B**; and
6. This request is for the general wellbeing of all residents living in the FBFA Coppermine Chapter area with emphasis on the health and welfare of the residents. Furthermore, the waterline project will benefit all entities located in the Coppermine Chapter south area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Requesting the Office of Tom O'Halleran, U.S. House of Representatives, representing Arizona's 1st Congressional District to approve funds in the amount of \$350,128 for Kitchen/Bathroom Additions and Labor cost in the Former Bennett Freeze Area

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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Coppermine Chapter at its monthly meeting, at which a quorum was present and that same was approved by a vote of 40 in favor, 00 opposed, and 6 abstained this 20th day of August, 2019 at the Coppermine Chapter House, Navajo Nation, Arizona.

Motion:

Brian Cling

Second: *Susie Russell*

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Sid Whitehair, Chapter President

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Valerie Fowler, Chapter Secretary

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