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NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY SOUTHWEST REGION RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF NATIVE YOUTH IN THE SOUTHWEST REGION

RESOLUTION NO. SW-17-002

WHEREAS, the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (“NAFWS”) was established in recognition of the importance and respect accorded to fish and wildlife by Native American people; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS is composed of Indian Tribes, organizations and people as well as federal and state agency representatives forming “a national Native organization to aid in the development and protection of Indian fish and wildlife resources”; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS is dedicated “to the earth that began with our own beginning, and pledge to our fellow creatures that cannot be broken”; and

WHEREAS, Tribal youth in the Southwest Region are involved in natural resource activities and they as Indigenous youth know that our ancestral and current lands and everything that congregates within it that sustains life; including the water, air, culturally significant plants and animals, all of which are sacred. They use their voices to act upon protecting their homes to ensure future generations’ health, safety, and surrounding ecosystems, and

WHEREAS, they work towards informing tribal members, as well as the public about these environmental issues. By communicating and collaborating with other global indigenous nations, they can create harmony to develop solutions for themselves and future generations and those yet to be born. As spiritual young people, they voice awareness about their concerns to protect our indigenous lands so that we can preserve our natural resources, and

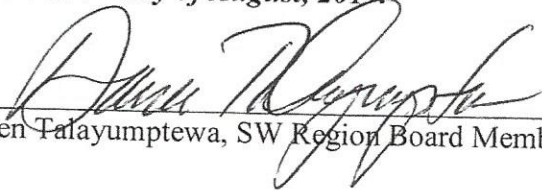
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwest Region of the NAFWS hereby supports all Native Indigenous youth in their efforts to blend Traditional Native Knowledge and their education to protect our natural resources, the water, and Mother Earth, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAFWS Southwest Region will continue to support and appreciate the efforts and voices of our future leaders.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was enacted by the affirmative vote of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Southwest Region membership on August 7, 2017 at a Business Meeting that was held in conjunction with the SW Regional Conference. The motion passed by a vote of 22 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2017.



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