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RESOLUTION OF THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT COUNCIL
(Supporting the 30X30 Campaign to Protect 30% of Lands and Ocean by 2030)

Resolution No. SXDC 08-20-02

- WHEREAS, the 30x30 campaign is a worldwide, science-based initiative to conserve at least 30 percent of the Earth's lands and ocean by the year 2030; and,
- WHEREAS, this campaign was launched to address our climate crisis and reverse the destruction of our wildlife, waters and natural places; and,
- WHEREAS, science-based research has found that conserving and restoring lands and waters is necessary to preserving the Earth's biodiversity and ecosystems and mitigating the impacts of climate change; and
- WHEREAS, biodiversity loss and human encroachment upon wildlife habitat is increasing the risk of infectious diseases such as COVID-19, Lyme disease and SARS; and
- WHEREAS, our natural places provide us with food supplies and clean drinking water, boost our economies, and offer us a wide range of health benefits; and
- WHEREAS, wilderness, wildlife refuges, national conservation lands, monuments and other conserved places provide access for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, camping and other outdoor recreation pursuits; and
- WHEREAS, permanently conserved private lands, including working ranches and farms, protect open spaces, preserve threatened wildlife and help maintain our Tohono O'odham and Arizona way of life; and
- WHEREAS, every person, regardless of race, background or economic status, should have access to safe, clean and close-to-home opportunities to get outside in nature; and
- WHEREAS, scientists are warning that protecting at least 30 percent of lands and water is the bare minimum we must achieve if we hope to stabilize the climate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the San Xavier District Council hereby establish our support for the 30x30 initiative and science-based, locally led efforts to conserve and restore at least 30 percent of lands and water by 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support efforts by Congress to champion this goal, such as the Thirty Resolution to Save Nature, led by Senators Tom Udall and Michael Bennet, and Representatives Deb Haaland, Joe Neguse, Ted Lieu, Ruben Gallego and Ed Case; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon Congress to advance its own initiatives as well as support and assist state and local efforts to achieve 30x30 goals.



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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was passed by the San Xavier District Council at a meeting held on the 4th day of August 2020, at which time a quorum was present with a vote of 4 FOR; 0 AGAINST; 0 NOT VOTING; 1 ABSENT. Pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by the Tohono O'odham Constitution, Article IX, Section 5, as adopted and approved on 6 March 1986.

San Xavier District

Austin G. Nunez, Chairman

ATTEST

Ernie Reyes, Secretary
San Xavier District Council

MOTION: Philbert Bailey
SECOND: Phyllis Valenzuela