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PROCLAMATION

"Hopi Food and Agriculture Week"

WHEREAS, Throughout our history, the Hopi and Tewa people have demonstrated great persistence to learn about the environment they live in and come to an understanding: to survive in this arid environment, we must develop a relationship with the land which will help us to adapt to this place we call home. This understanding has brought forth an agrarian culture that is widely recognized for preserving and maintaining a longtime tradition of healthy food crop and sustainable farming technology which many have come to know as HOPI DRY FARMING; and

WHEREAS, This great tradition and culture of the Hopi and Tewa people has not been exempt from outside influences and due to the rapidly changing lifestyles, diet related diseases and illnesses are becoming more prominent among our communities and adding to it, the rising cost of healthcare and general food expenses for our Hopi and Tewa families. Let us now reflect on our agrarian heritage as a means to address these issues. The traditional knowledge and cultural survival of the Hopi and Tewa people is sustained through the practice of farming and the transfer of this knowledge is becoming less and less visible in our communities and among our families.

WHEREAS, Local leaders within tribal government and among the Hopi and Tewa villages understand that change can only be affected through the effort of individuals and sharing of tribal cultural knowledge from elders to youth, from parent to child and that it must first start from within the community itself. We support all community initiatives that help to promote and preserve these practices.

WHEREAS, In 2010 the "*Hopi Food and Agriculture Week*" was chosen to recognize and celebrate the continuation of traditional farming and harvesting practices that remain steadfast today.



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WHEREAS, This year, the biennial Hopi Agriculture & Food Symposium "*Hopi Seed: Our Ancestors, Children, Our Future*" will be held on Thursday, September 16th at the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center to provide a forum for members of the community to discuss ideas and share knowledge of Hopi food and farming practice. Through this effort the Hopi Foundation Natwani Coalition and other partnering agencies have organized this forum to help us better understand our roles in preserving this ancient farming tradition and to learn and share ways to get involved at the community level.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Leroy Shingoitewa, Sr., Chairman and Herman G. Honanie, Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, by virtue of the authority vested in the executives offices of the Hopi Tribe by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Hopi Tribe, do hereby proclaim September 13-17, 2010 as "Hopi Food and Agriculture Week," throughout the Hopi Reservation and in the State of Arizona. We encourage all Tribal and non-tribal members to participate in the 2010 Hopi Agriculture & Food Symposium on September 16, 2010 sponsored by The Hopi Foundation Natwani Coalition and other partnering agencies and call on all that have knowledge of our farming heritage to join us in supporting the continuation of preserving and practicing our traditional food and agricultural systems, our *Hopi natwani*.

EXECUTED THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010
KYKOTSMOVI, ARIZONA

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