

## Chickaloon Village Traditional Council (Nay'dini'aa Na')

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NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Attn: Mr. William Douros ☐ 99 Pacific St., Suite 100 ☐ Monterey, CA 93940

Via email: (William.Duros@noaa.gov)

August 19, 2016

Dear Mr. Douros,

I am writing on behalf of the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council to express our strong support for the determination of the community of St. George to create a National Marine Sanctuary around the Island.

We respect and endorse the St. George community's efforts to protect its home, its cultural heritage, the marine environment, and the animals that depend on the sea. It is the sacred right of the Unangan community of St. George to determine their destiny and to ensure a future for the next generations.

We wish the community of St. George much success.

May the Creator Guide our Footsteps,

Gary Hay

**Executive Director** 

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