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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

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Dear Mr. Douros,

I am writing on behalf of the Native Village of White Mountain 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, and 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.

Sincerely,

Lincoln M. Simon Sr.

President, Native Village of White Mountain

Cc: George@unangan.org