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To Whom it may concern,

At the January 9, 2020 meeting of the Executive Board and Representative Council, the Morongo Teachers Association (MTA) voted unanimously to support the Joshua Tree Residential Experience (JTREE). It is our honor and pleasure to endorse JTREE and its educational endeavors.

The motto of MTA is "Proud to Teach" and we believe in quality educational programs that offer outdoor education and STEM activities for our stakeholders and citizens of the Morongo Basin. Many students, teachers, and parents attend science camps that are located outside of our area. Although the students receive an invaluable experience and education, nothing can take the place of being educated and enriched in your home community. We are confident and hopeful that JTREE will have a positive impact on the many stakeholders in the Morongo Basin. Many students from the Basin often go on to lead stellar lives and enjoy careers in many fields of study. With the advent of technology and social media, many schools are being updated and modernized to meet the needs of the 21st century learner. The JTREE experience will be a welcomed addition and will serve to enhance the educational experience of our residents, both young and old.

On behalf of MTA and the many stakeholders in the Morongo Basin, this letter is to serve as a formal endorsement of the JTREE experience. We look forward to collaborating and working together to get the program started.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me at 760-610-9622 or kojomccallum@gmail.com.

Your Friend in Education,

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