

RESOLUTION NO. R20-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAFFORD, ARIZONA, IN FAVOR OF THE CHANGES BEING PROPOSED BY HB-2790 ALLOWING COMMUNITY COLLEGES THE OPTION TO OFFER FOUR YEAR DEGREES AS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD.

WHEREAS, many of the citizens of Arizona, especially in rural Arizona, have limited access to the benefits of higher education because they are place-bound, or they cannot afford the cost of a research University education; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has one of the finest community college systems in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is very practical that this system, which already exists with campuses, faculties, and facilities, and which would be of tremendous savings to the taxpayers, should be utilized to further higher education throughout the State of Arizona; and

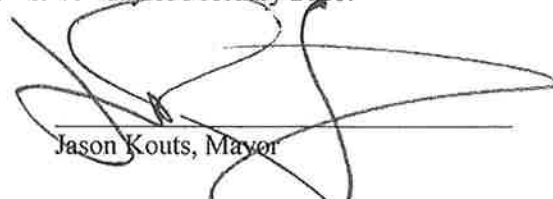
WHEREAS, each community college is unique and, therefore, the role that each should play in the higher education process should be reviewed, and each college, through its local Governing Board, should be allowed to determine how it can best benefit the citizens in its area with the time for action being now;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAFFORD, ARIZONA, that the Legislature and the Governor of this State of Arizona be strongly encouraged to pass *the amendment in HB 2790* and approve such laws as may be necessary for the investiture of some community colleges, including Eastern Arizona College, in those areas of study deemed by the respective colleges as the most beneficial, while still retaining vocational and other community based programs; and further,

That the great benefits of four-year institutions to minorities, place-bound, and economically disadvantaged individuals be recognized and bestowed as part of fulfilling Arizona's great pioneer promises; and further


That the future of Arizona can best be ensured by the development of the gifts and talents of its citizens acting as free individuals and each determining his or her own destiny through the opportunities of higher education.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 10th day of February 2020.



Jason Kouts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tamara Webster, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Willian J. Sims, III, City Attorney

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