

RESOLUTION NO. R21-004

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAFFORD, ARIZONA, IN FAVOR OF THE CHANGES BEING PROPOSED BY HB-2523, 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

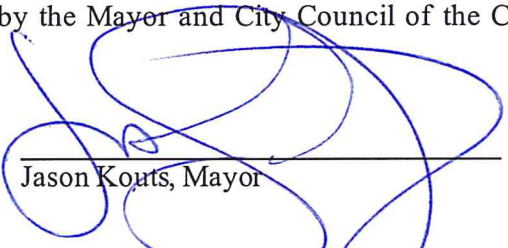
**WHEREAS**, Arizona has one of the finest community college systems in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, it is very practical that this system, with existing staffing and infrastructure 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, through their local Governing Board, should be allowed to determine how it can best benefit the citizens in its area.

**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 **HB 2523** 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,


**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Arizona this 22nd day of February 2021.

  
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Jason Kouts, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tamara Webster, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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William J. Sims, III; City Attorney

**CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF ARIZONA            )  
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County of Graham            )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. R21-004 was duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, at a Council Meeting held February 22, 2021. A quorum was present at the meeting.

  
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Tamara Webster, CMC, City Clerk

February 22, 2021  
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Date