

TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE

RESOLUTION NO. 16-1377

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, IN SUPPORT OF A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, several hundred highly-skilled students graduate each year from Blue Ridge High School; and

WHEREAS, many of these students pursue higher education in locations far from their homes; and

WHEREAS, the rising cost of such education represents a financial burden on the student and their family, now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to obtain a four-year college education would serve to retain many of these students in the local community at a lower cost; and

WHEREAS, the community would benefit from the talents and labor of college-educated persons in general; and

WHEREAS, our tourism economy would benefit from a pool of educated persons to draw on for seasonal employment; and

WHEREAS, the region would also benefit from a resident campus which would attract other employers to the area and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, the prospect of attracting such an institution dates back over six years; and

WHEREAS, other communities in the region might benefit proportionately from the presence of a certified educational institution in cooperation with existing schools; and

WHEREAS, the cost of developing this institution would be substantially offset by the economic impact it would have on the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council that the presence of a four-year degree granting institution of higher education, in collaboration with the local community college, would create a valuable contribution to the community; and the Council declares itself in support of attracting and supporting such a venture, as is feasible for the future, by all means at its disposal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside this 21st day of July 2016.

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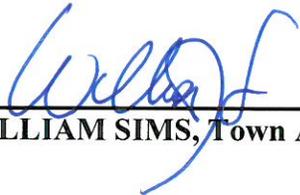
GREG SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:



LEAH CHAVEZ, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



WILLIAM SIMS, Town Attorney