

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2004

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA GOVERNMENTS
ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF THE PROPOSED FEDERAL ELDER
JUSTICE ACT**

WHEREAS, the Elder Justice Act elevates elder justice issues to a national level, creates a public-private Coordinating Council to coordinate activities of all relevant federal, state, private and not-for-profit agencies, and provides a consistent funding stream and national coordination of Adult Protective Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Elder Justice Act establishes a resource center and library that will improve the quality, quantity and accessibility of information on this topic; and,

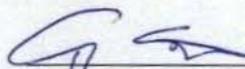
WHEREAS, the Elder Justice Act will develop forensic capacity that will promote detection, and will train health professionals in both forensics and geriatrics; and,

WHEREAS, the Elder Justice Act will develop increased prosecution capacity by providing additional resources to law enforcement to support elder justice cases, and will enhance prevention activities by supporting community policing efforts to protect at-risk elders; and,

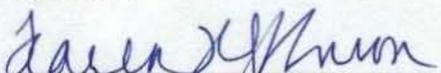
WHEREAS, the Elder Justice Act will improve the quality of long term care in institutions by improving prompt reporting of crimes, by conducting criminal background checks on workers, and by promoting accountability through a new federal law to prosecute abuse and neglect in nursing homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Benson supports passage of this proposed legislation, and encourages SEAGO's membership to join in support of the Elder Justice Act, as proposed in Senate Bill 333 and House of Representatives Bill 2490.

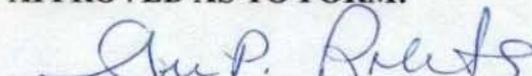
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA this 05th day of April 2004.


George Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen H. Johnson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Ann P. Roberts, City Attorney