RESOLUTION NO. 12-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A FAIR HOUSING POLICY MAKING KNOWN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING AND DESCRIBING ACTIONS IT SHALL UNDERTAKE TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING.

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, requires that all applicants for Community Development Block Grant funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, declare a national policy to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of: race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin; and,

WHEREAS, fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values; and,

WHEREAS, discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, George Scott, the Mayor of the City of Benson, Arizona, do hereby wish all persons living, working and doing business in or traveling through this community to know that:

discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin is prohibited by law; and,

that it is the policy of this community to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin; and,

within available resources, the City of Benson will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin to seek equity under existing federal or state laws and to file a complaint with the Civil Rights Division of the Arizona Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

that the City of Benson, Arizona, shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encourage owners of rental properties, developers, builders and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the

Federal Fair Housing Act and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and,

that the City of Benson shall undertake the following additional actions to "affirmatively further fair housing"

- mail this resolution to the following entities in the real estate, banking, development communities:

  Benson Realty, Inc., Meyers Real Estate, Happy Valley Realty, International Realty Plus, Long Realty, The Scott Company Realtors, ReMax Realty, Recker Realty, Sandra Watson Real Estate, United Coutnry Arrowhead Realty, The Listing Office Realty and DiPeso Realty

- mail this resolution to and contact the following media regarding issues relating to Fair Housing:

  CAVE Radio and San Pedro Valley News Sun.

- post copies of this Resolution in the following locations:

  Post Office, Library and City Hall.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 10th day of April 2006

GEORGE SCOTT - Mayor

ATTEST:

VICKI L. VIVIAN - City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANN P. ROBERTS, City Attorney