

**RESOLUTION 6-2010**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP'S EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE A CLEAN CITIES COALITION IN COCHISE, SANTA CRUZ, GRAHAM AND GREENLEE COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Arizona Economic Development Group has requested letters of support for its efforts to organize a Clean Cities Coalition within Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham and Greenlee Counties as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program; and

WHEREAS, the focus of a Clean Cities Coalition will be to promote sound environmental and clean energy solutions that better serve the health and safety of residents; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Benson to support the formation of a Clean Cities Coalition in southeastern Arizona.

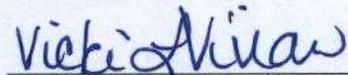
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, that the Mayor is authorized to sign a letter of support for Southeastern Arizona Economic Development Group's efforts to form a Clean Cities Coalition as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program in southeastern Arizona.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA this 11th day of January, 2010.



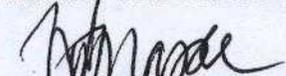
MARK M. FENN, Mayor

ATTEST:



VICKI L. VIVIAN, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MICHAEL J. MASSEE, City Attorney



January 11, 2010

U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is for the City of Benson to support the designation of the Southeast Arizona Clean Cities Coalition (Coalition) in the Arizona counties of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz. The development and formation of the Coalition are the efforts of the Purpose Focused Alternative Learning Corporation (PFALC) and the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group (SAEDG). This Coalition would represent four of 15 counties in Arizona in the southeast corner of our state. These counties are bordered by New Mexico on the east and Mexico on the south.

PFALC and SAEDG are engaged in our community and want to include our area as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program. The four counties have a combined population of over 200,000; which constitutes a diverse population and a growing business environment. As already mentioned, the counties of Cochise and Santa Cruz are along the International Border with Mexico and, therefore, serve American and Mexican border communities. As you know, environmental issues know no boundaries, and do not stop at any borders, thus problems with pollution of water or air occurring with our neighbors to the south naturally impacts our area and visa versa. The development of the Coalition could result in our working with the State of Sonora, Mexico, to increase awareness of environmental issues.

The City of Benson is eager to be designated as a Clean City to work with many across the country in promoting sound environmental and energy programs for the health and safety of residents in our region and nation. It is our intention to work with Arizona elected officials at the city, county, state and federal levels, along with community organizations, businesses and industry. We realize it is our responsibility to ensure our region does its share to decrease its dependency on oil. We will work to ensure a pollution free Southeastern Arizona for future generations.

In summary, please consider the application of the Southeastern Clean Cities Coalition to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program. The City of Benson is anxious to become a part of this movement and begin the preservation of our natural resources and preserving and restoring the environment in southeastern Arizona.

Sincerely,

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor  
City of Benson