

RESOLUTION 07-2004

A Resolution of the City of Benson Supporting Efforts of San Pedro & Southwestern Railroad and the Arizona Western Heritage Foundation to Increase Operations in Cochise County, specifically a Tourist Train Venture.

WHEREAS, the San Pedro Southwestern Railroad is a short line railroad serving Benson and points in Southern Cochise County, having taken over operation of these lines from the former Southern Pacific Railroad.

WHEREAS, ownership of this railroad has been recently acquired by the Arizona Railroad Group; and,

WHEREAS, operational headquarters of the Railroad are located in Benson and the employees are local area residents; and,

WHEREAS, the San Pedro Southwestern Railroad is currently a vital transportation provider to Apache Nitrogen Products; and,

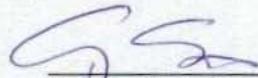
WHEREAS, the new owners are seeking to attract new customers throughout Cochise County and Mexico in cooperation with the Arizona Western Heritage Foundation and the cities of Tombstone and Benson; and,

WHEREAS, the San Pedro & Southwestern Railroad can provide a vital economic development stimulus to the entire region for both commercial and tourist businesses.

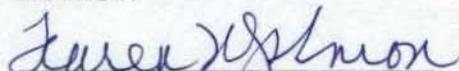
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Benson supports the efforts of the San Pedro & Southwestern Railroad and the Arizona Western Heritage Foundation in the creation and operation of a tourist train between the Cities of Benson and Tombstone, Arizona.
2. The Board recognizes the importance of the San Pedro & Southwestern Railroad to Cochise County as a whole, and its potential for providing a vital economic development stimulus to the entire region.

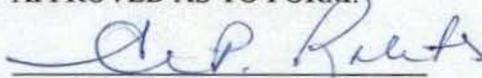
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA this 19th day of April, 2004.


George Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen H. Johnson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Ann P. Roberts, City Attorney