RESOLUTION 15-2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY 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 the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, do hereby wish all persons living, working, 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 Arizona Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

That the City of Benson 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 community bank and real estate businesses
- mail a press release to community newspapers regarding issues relating to Fair Housing
- post copies of this Resolution at the Post Office, Library and City Hall.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 9th day of April, 2012.

TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL J. MASSEE, City Attorney