

RESOLUTION NO 5-2003

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FULL FUNDING FOR THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

WHEREAS, The Arizona Department of Commerce is dedicated toward statewide economic prosperity, a strong tax base and increasing per capita income; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona Department of Commerce provides technical and financial assistance to towns, cities, counties, and tribal communities on land use planning, public involvement, public infrastructure and the complexities of zoning; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona Department of Commerce, in partnership with economic development leaders across the state, encourages retention, expansion and location of businesses throughout Arizona; supports industry sectors, entrepreneurs, small businesses, minority and women-owned enterprises and maintains foreign trade offices in the Far East, Europe and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona Department of Commerce crafts policies that support efficient and effective coordination of workforce programs statewide and provides the business community with job training grants, and apprenticeship registration; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona Department of Commerce undertakes comprehensive studies and analyses that lead to development of a long-range, statewide economic agenda that encourages orderly planning and stimulates economic activity; and

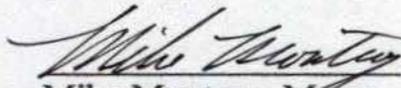
WHEREAS, The Department of Commerce assists rural communities with grant funding and programs, like the Enterprise Zone, the Rural Economic Development Initiative (R.E.D.I.) and the Economic Strength Project, which are all designed to assist rural communities in expanding their economic base.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA THAT :

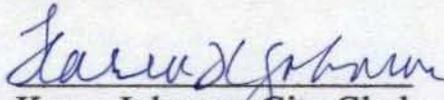
The Benson City Council wholeheartedly values the Arizona Department of Commerce, its services and programs and as such, we call upon the Arizona State Legislature to not only preserve, but to enhance the funding for the Arizona Department of Commerce.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Benson City Council this 3rd day of March, 2003.

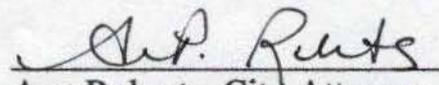
APPROVED


Mike Montroy, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Johnson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Ann Roberts, City Attorney