City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **May 9, 2016**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 3

From: William D. Stephens, City Manager

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 14-2016 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, recognizing 2016 as the 90th Anniversary of the International Economic Development Council and as "The Year of the Economic Developer"

Discussion:

Economic Development Week is an event created by the International Economic Development Council to celebrate the achievements of economic developers. The event will occur for the first time May 8-14, 2016. Information about IEDC's 90th anniversary, including celebration activities and events throughout the year can be found at www.iedconline.org/90years

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 14-2016

RESOLUTION 14-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, RECOGNIZING 2016 AS THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND AS "THE YEAR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPER"

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council is the largest professional economic development organization dedicated to serving economic developers; and

WHEREAS, the International Economic Development Council provides leadership and excellence in economic development for communities, members, and partners through conferences, training courses, advisory services and research, in-depth publications, public policy advocacy, and initiatives such as the Accredited Economic Development Organization program and the Certified Economic Developer designation; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurism in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of the American economy; and

WHEREAS, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

WHEREAS, economic developers work in the City of Benson within the State of Arizona; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, do hereby

1) commend the International Economic Development Council and its officers, staff, and members on its 90th anniversary;

2) recognize 2016 as "The Year of the Economic Developer" in the City of Benson, Arizona, and remind individuals of the importance of this profession in expanding career opportunities and improving quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group and the International Economic Development Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 9th day of May, 2016.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MESCH, CLARK AND ROTHSCHILD, P.C.
By Gary J. Cohen
City's Attorney