

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1154

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL ROAD FUNDING SHORTFALLS BY IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL MOTOR FUEL TAXES AND HIGHWAY USER FEES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 28-5601 *et seq.*, the State of Arizona levies and collects taxes on motor fuel ("Fuel Tax"); and

WHEREAS, Arizona's street, road and highway maintenance, preservation and construction are significantly underfunded. Statewide road use fees for Arizona's streets, roads and highways have not been significantly increased since the early 1980s, except for a \$.01 increase in the fuel taxes in 1991; and

WHEREAS, over the last 30 years the number of lane miles in Arizona have increased by 32%, but the purchasing power of the state's Fuel Tax to maintain them has dropped by 48%; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance backlog for the cities, towns and counties and state highway system deficit is tens of billions of dollars and is increasing by more than \$1,000,000,000 per year.

WHEREAS, tourism is a \$1 Billion industry in the State of Arizona, and reliable road networks are vital to providing tourists access to all areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, HB 2899, proposed by Representative Noel Campbell and endorsed by Senate President Karen Fann and Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers, proposes to modify the statutes relating to Fuel Tax to address the existing shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chino Valley ("Town Council") believes a 6-cent raise/per year for the next three years in the Fuel Tax is reasonable and justified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona as follows:

SECTION 1. The Recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The Town Council hereby supports the efforts by Senator Fann and Representatives Bowers and Campbell to increase the Fuel Tax.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, adoption and approval by the Town Council.

SECTION 5. The Mayor, the Town Manager, the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona this 25th day of February, 2020.



Darryl L. Croft, Mayor

ATTEST:



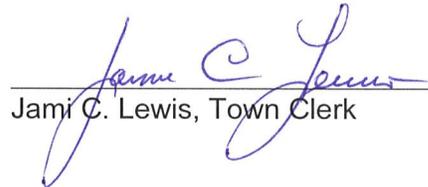
Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Andrew J. McGuire, Town Attorney
Gust Rosenfeld, PLC

I hereby certify the above foregoing Resolution No. 2020-1154 was duly passed by the Council of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona, at a meeting held on February 25, 2020, and that quorum was present thereat and that the vote thereon was 6 ayes and 0 nays and 0 abstentions. 0 Council members were absent or excused.



Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk