

RESOLUTION NO. 21-43

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION COPPER
EQUALIZATION PAYMENT USE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
LAND FOR CONSERVATION AND/OR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES
IN THE SUPERSTITION FOOTHILLS AREA

WHEREAS, the city of Apache Junction is aware that there is support from various organizations, Cities and Towns that the Resolution Copper Mine-associated land exchange equalization payment (which will include the appraised value of the ore body) to the Southwest Regional National Forest (Region 3), be used for the acquisition of land located in the Superstition Area Land Plan to be utilized and dedicated for conservation and/or open space purposes: and

WHEREAS, the goal of preservation and conservation of portions of the Superstition Area Land Plan, adjacent to the southern border of the Superstition Wilderness Area, for use as open space, has long been of interest to various organizations such as the Superstition Area Land Trust, Pinal County and other cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, it is further requested that any purchase utilizing Resolution Copper Equalization Payment for acquisition of land be done in an open and transparent manner with the collaboration of the supporting partners, Pinal County, Cities and Towns all expressing this or similar resolutions who are committed to these goals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Apache Junction City Council support the use of any Resolution Copper Equalization payment for the acquisition of land for conservation and/or open space purposes in the Superstition Foothills Areas adjacent to the Southern border of the Superstition Wilderness Area.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

ATTEST:

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

JENNIFER PENA
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

RICHARD J. STERN
City Attorney