

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING ARIZONA'S GET OUTDOORS INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, communities across Arizona recognize that outdoor recreation supports health, contributes to a high quality of life, and, perhaps most importantly, attracts and sustains employers and families; and

WHEREAS, scientific research shows that both children and adults are spending more time inside than previous generations, are increasingly distanced from nature, are engaging in less physical exercise, and are at increased risk for poor health because of sedentary practices; and

WHEREAS, research shows that time spent in nature by all people can lead to physical, mental, developmental, and behavioral health benefits; and

WHEREAS, there is significant value in providing opportunities for the people of Arizona to experience awe-inspiring moments while gazing upon and reflecting upon the natural beauty of the Grand Canyon State's uniquely spectacular outdoor places; and

WHEREAS, quality time in the natural world encourages curiosity and provides hands-on field experience and experiential learning, resulting in improved learning across various fields of science; and

WHEREAS, Arizonans have a rich and diverse heritage of outdoor pursuits, agricultural production, and an intimate relationship to the land, wildlife, clean water, clear skies, and cultural resource protection; and

WHEREAS, the outdoor industry in Arizona is a major economic engine, employing 201,000 people and generating \$21.2 billion in consumer spending annually, that brings jobs, prosperity, and wellness to all state residents; and

WHEREAS, public lands represent a significant portion of Arizona's land base and are critical components of a healthy outdoor environment that are low cost to access and ubiquitous for all residents; and

WHEREAS, fostering equity of access to outdoor opportunities is fundamental to ensuring that all state residents can enjoy Arizona's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, investments in outdoor spaces and amenities will serve to enhance the quality and quantity of outdoor experiences for all Arizonans.

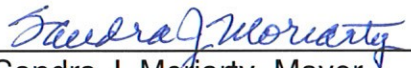
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA that we recognize that it is critical for the well-being and physical, mental, and social development of Arizona's residents that we promote healthy, active lifestyles filled with outdoor experiences of all types for Arizona's residents all while respecting private property rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby support Arizona's Get Outdoors Initiative which states that every resident in Arizona should have the opportunity to:

1. Observe nature and wildlife in Arizona, or hunt and fish.
2. Learn about, appreciate, and respect Indigenous cultural resources, petroglyphs, pictographs, ancient habitation sites, and landscapes as sacred places best left undisturbed.
3. Explore Arizona's parks, forests, public lands, and wild places.


4. Experience Arizona's mountains, deserts, canyons, lakes, and rivers.
5. Gaze at a starry sky or sleep in a tent.
6. Bring along a friend to discover nearby nature right outside one's own backyard and beyond.
7. Splash in Arizona's rivers, lakes, streams, and hot springs.
8. Follow a trail.
9. Plant a seed and tend a garden.
10. Be a steward and take care of Arizona's outdoor places and landscapes so future generations can also enjoy these precious assets.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sedona, Arizona this 12th day of January, 2021.



Sandra J. Moriarty, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan L. Irvine, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kurt W. Christianson, City Attorney