RESOLUTION 2020-079

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; SUPPORT OF AMTRAK SUNSET LIMITED AND TEXAS EAGLE FROM THREE TIMES A WEEK TO DAILY, AS PART OF A NATIONAL SYSTEM, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista and its regional transportation partners recognize the importance of improving all forms of transportation that serve our county; and

WHEREAS, except for a fully operational county transit system, fewer transportation options are available to inter-city commuters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista has a substantial population of citizens with limited access to automobiles, such as the elderly and those with limited income, and many rural areas across the nation face similar circumstances; and

WHEREAS, increased rail services in our region would advance tourism, that when coupled with other local and county-wide initiatives would foster dynamic economic development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

The City Council hereby proclaims support for Amtrak Sunset Limited and Texas Eagle to increase passenger service using the rail system travelling through Benson on the Sunset Limited and Sunset Eagle.

SECTION 2

The City Council hereby calls upon congressional and state legislative delegations along with the regional and national transportation authorities to promote rail service and encourage expansion of services such as Amtrak Sunset Limited and Texas Eagle from three times a week to daily, as part of a national system.

SECTION 3

The City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents, are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

FREDERICK W. MUELLER

Mayor

Approval as to Form:

Attest:

NATHAN J WILLIAMS

City Clerk