

RESOLUTION NO. 2621

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF THE ARIZONA SOLAR CHALLENGE.

WHEREAS, Arizona receives over 300 days of sun each year and has world class natural solar resources for heating water and generating electricity with photovoltaic cells; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Corporation Commission has adopted Renewable Energy Standards requiring regulated electric utilities to produce 15% of their power from renewable energy by 2025 with 30% of the renewable energy coming from distributed energy, such as rooftop solar electric or solar hot water on homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, generating electricity and hot water from solar energy can save Arizona communities, businesses and homeowners money on their utility bills and can help control future energy costs; and

WHEREAS, solar energy creates opportunities for economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, solar energy promotes energy independence; and

WHEREAS, solar energy is good for the environment; and

WHEREAS, Arizona SmartPower, a not-for-profit entity, is launching the Arizona Solar Challenge to encourage more residential solar electric and solar hot water installations; to reduce energy use; to improve the environment; and to create jobs by increasing the use of solar technologies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson desires to endorse the goals of the Arizona Solar Challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson desires to earn the designation of an Arizona Solar Community by having 5% of its owner-occupied homes install solar electric and/or solar hot water by 2015; and

WHEREAS, Arizona SmartPower will promote the Town of Payson for its participation in the Arizona Solar Challenge and its designation as an Arizona Solar Community in media stories, on its website, through social media, and at presentations; and

WHEREAS, Arizona SmartPower will provide signage to recognize the Town of Payson as an Arizona Solar Community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson desires to promote the Arizona Solar Challenge, including participating in joint outreach opportunities (such as generating press releases, posting information on the community website, providing cable access information), encouraging Town of Payson officials' attendance at promotional events, assisting with signage placement, and other joint outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson will designate a person to coordinate communications activities with Arizona SmartPower and the Arizona Solar Challenge,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Town of Payson commits to encouraging its residents to meet the solar installation goals of the Arizona Solar Challenge (5% of owner-occupied households installing solar electric or solar hot water by 2015) in order to earn the designation as an Arizona Solar Community.

Section 2. That the Town of Payson encourages all businesses, institutions and households within the Town of Payson to adopt the goals and purpose of promoting solar energy in our community by supporting the Arizona Solar Challenge.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, this 21st day of July, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES _____ NOES _____ ABSTENTIONS _____ ABSENT _____

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk



Timothy M. Wright, Town Attorney