

RESOLUTION NO. _____

ENTITLED: "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES' LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND THE ASSOCIATION'S EFFORTS IN SEEKING APPROPRIATION OF STATE FUNDING FOR ALL 99 WYOMING CITIES AND TOWNS DURING THE 2016 BUDGET SESSION OF THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE."

WHEREAS, the 2016 Budget Session of the Wyoming Legislature is scheduled to commence on February 8, 2016 and the Wyoming Association of Municipalities has developed a legislative agenda relating to municipal funding issues that will be considered by the Wyoming Legislature during the upcoming session; and

WHEREAS, all 99 Wyoming cities and towns, which comprise the membership of the Wyoming Association of Municipalities, rely on state sales and use tax revenues, ad valorem tax revenues and "over-the-cap" funding as the primary revenue support for funding local government operations and services of direct benefit to residents and businesses of their respective community; and

WHEREAS, municipal officials of Wyoming cities and towns are aware of decreasing energy related revenues and the current general Wyoming economy and realize that due to such decreasing revenues, funding challenges at both the state and local level will affect the ability to provide essential government operations and services for citizens; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming cities and towns have historically received and have relied upon "over-the-cap" revenue funding and the legislative agenda for the Wyoming Association of Municipalities strongly encourages continuation of this funding for the 2017-2018 biennium; and

WHEREAS, direct distribution discretionary funding provided by the "over-the-cap" state allocation is essential for both large and small Wyoming cities and towns to maintain vital services for its communities which involve the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, State Legislators have supported funding in the past for programs that assist with local municipalities' economic development and economic diversification efforts, such as those offered through the Wyoming Business Council and those involving state-wide communications and technology development such as the WYOLINK and Unified Technology Network programs, and "over the cap" funding has assisted municipalities in promoting and utilizing these programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY/TOWN OF _____, WYOMING, THAT, the 2016 Wyoming Association of Municipalities' legislative agenda and the Association's efforts in seeking appropriation of state funding for all 99 Wyoming Cities and towns during the 2016 Budget Session of the Wyoming Legislature is hereby supported for the benefit of all Wyoming community residents and businesses.

Presented, read and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City/Town Clerk