

**CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA**

**RESOLUTION 2016-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE RE-DESIGNATION OF CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT TO CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Chiricahua National Monument is an area of great natural beauty unique to southeastern Arizona that offers a wealth of outdoor activities, scenery, and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiricahua National Monument has all of the elements of activities, scenery, wildlife and environmental uniqueness to justify its designation as a national park; and

**WHEREAS**, designation of a national park in southeastern Arizona would benefit the local and regional economy as national parks attract many visitors from around the country and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, recreational activities and tourism play a significant role sustaining and increasing economic growth in the rural communities of southeastern Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Second Congressional District Representative Martha McSally has submitted H.R. 6190 – Chiricahua National Park Act that changes the designation of the Chiricahua National Monument to the Chiricahua National Park; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 6190 does not propose any budgetary, staffing, or land use changes to the existing Chiricahua National Monument.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The Mayor and City Council expresses its support for re-designation of the Chiricahua National Monument to the Chiricahua National Park.

**SECTION 2:** The Mayor and City Council expresses its support for H.R. 6190.

**SECTION 3:** The Mayor is authorized and empowered to execute this Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLCOX, ARIZONA**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

**APPROVED/EXECUTED:**

/s/ Michael J. Laws  
**MICHAEL J. LAWS**, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

/s/ Virginia A. Mefford  
**VIRGINIA A. MEFFORD**, City Clerk

/s/ Ann P. Roberts  
**ANN P. ROBERTS**, City Attorney