

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2012-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING
THE REPEAL OF ARIZONA HOUSE BILL 2826**

WHEREAS, Arizona cities and towns with populations of fewer than one hundred and seventy-five thousand persons are currently authorized to hold regular elections, including local candidate elections on any of the four consolidated election dates set forth in Arizona Revised Statutes Section 16-204.B; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2826 requires that, beginning in 2014, all regular elections, including local candidate elections may be held only in the Fall election cycle of even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, many cities and towns with populations of fewer than one hundred and seventy-five thousand persons have established election cycles that provide for the election of local candidates during a Spring election cycle, or in the Fall of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2826 will significantly disrupt the current election cycles in those cities and towns with populations of fewer than one hundred and seventy-five thousand persons where candidates are elected during a Spring election cycle, or in the Fall of odd-numbered years, and cause the terms of many incumbent elected officials to be artificially extended for as long as eighteen months or more beyond the terms for which they were duly elected; and

WHEREAS, many cities and towns operate under alternative expenditure limitations that are approved by the voters of those cities and towns every four years on the same ballot as local candidate elections, in accordance with Article 9, Section 20 of the Arizona Constitution; and

WHEREAS, HB 2826 will prevent the cities and towns whose candidate elections are currently held at times other than the Fall election cycle of even-numbered years from timely renewing their alternative expenditure limitations, which could result in a substantial diminution and disruption of essential public services; and

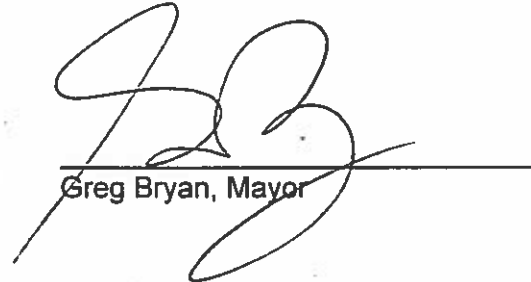
WHEREAS, the election of local candidates and the timing and continuity of alternative expenditure limitation elections are matters of local concern; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2826 is inimical to the concept of local control over matters of local concern;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tusayan Town Council, as follows:

1. That the Town of Tusayan, Arizona expressly disapproves of House Bill 2826 and its usurpation of local control over the timing of local candidate elections as well as the timing and continuity of alternative expenditure limitation elections.
2. That the Town of Tusayan, Arizona supports and urges the repeal of House Bill 2826.

ON this 7th day of November, 2012.




Greg Bryan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Malone, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



William J. Sims, Town Attorney