

RESOLUTION NO. R2019-046

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZATION OF THE YUMA CROSSING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the United States Congress designated the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area on October 19, 2000 through Public Law 106-319; and,

WHEREAS, in conformance with the legislation, the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Corporation (YCNHAC), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was established in February 2002 to implement the YCNHAC Plan (Plan), which was approved by the Secretary of the Interior in December 2002; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan envisioned improvements to seven miles of Yuma's riverfront, including parks, trails, wetlands restoration, and encouraging private investment in Yuma's historic downtown and riverfront; and,

WHEREAS, since 2002, the YCNHAC has undertaken a major transformation of Yuma's riverfront, which has improved Yuma's quality of life, celebrated Yuma's history, and contributed to Yuma's economic growth. This has been accomplished through partnerships with businesses, non-profits, and governmental agencies at all levels; and,

WHEREAS, more recently, the YCNHAC led the effort to save the Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park and Colorado River State Historic Park (formerly the Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park), and now manages both parks on behalf of the community and Arizona State Parks; and,

WHEREAS, since 2002 the City of Yuma has provided the 1:1 match required by PL106-319, and has recently extended that commitment through 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the funding the YCNHAC has received through the National Park Service has been leveraged with local, private and state funds at a ratio of 5:1; and,

WHEREAS, the YCNHAC's current authorization under PL 106-319 sunsets on September 30, 2021, and Congress must reauthorize the YCNHAC in order to continue operating with the support of National Park Service funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

SECTION 1: Because of the many benefits the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Corporation provides to the community, the City Council of Yuma, Arizona hereby calls on the Members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation to affirm Congressional support for Heritage Area reauthorization for an additional 15 years through September 30, 2036 and to urge their colleagues to do the same; and

SECTION 2: That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019

APPROVED:

Douglas J. Nicholls
Mayor

ATTESTED:

Lynda L. Bushong,
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard W. Files,
City Attorney