



**RESOLUTION 2014-923**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, CALLING FOR GREATER COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN VERDE VALLEY COMMUNITIES AND THE YAVAPAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CONCERNING FUTURE PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING.**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Yavapai College is to provide quality learning and cultural resources for the diverse population of Yavapai County, and

**WHEREAS**, appropriate funding of community college programs in the Verde Valley represent an investment in the economic recovery and continued economic health of the Verde Valley Communities and a commitment to providing affordable and accessible higher education to the citizens therein, and

**WHEREAS**, citizens within the Communities of Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Camp Verde, Jerome, Sedona and the unincorporated areas in the Verde Valley contribute over \$12 million annually to Yavapai College in the form of property taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, despite the economic and student support from citizens of the Verde Valley, District expenditures indicate that a significant portion of Verde Valley property taxes are diverted to college programs outside the Verde Valley. In addition, the College District's 10 year plan contemplates further dissipation of the District's resources in the Verde Valley in the coming years, and

**WHEREAS**, concerns have arisen that the College District has responded to budgetary pressures by taking disproportionate actions against the District's activities in the Verde Valley including but not limited to decreasing full time faculty, curtailing student services, and cutting programs, and

**WHEREAS**, the local governments of Sedona, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Jerome and Clarkdale desire to have a larger voice in the decision making processes concerning oversight and planning for higher educational opportunities in the Verde Valley.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE RESOLVE THAT:** The Town of Camp Verde Town Council along with the Councils of other Verde Valley communities call for greater collaboration and communication with said communities by the Yavapai Community College Governing Board in ways that provide the citizens of the Verde Valley with a more equal voice in decisions affecting the future of higher education in the Verde Valley; a voice this is commensurate with their support of the District, both financially and in every other way.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

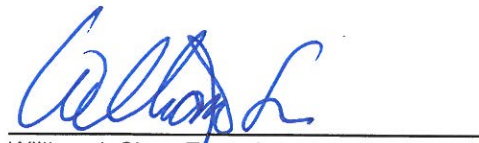
  
Charles German, Mayor

6-17-14  
Date

**ATTEST:**

  
Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
William J. Sims, Town Attorney