RESOLUTION 2006-689

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING WILD AND SCENIC PROTECTION FOR FOSSIL CREEK.

WHEREAS, Fossil Creek, a tributary of the Verde River, located in central Arizona on the Coconino and Tonto National Forests is an important and unique public resource that provides numerous benefits to the human and natural communities; and

WHEREAS, central Arizona is one of the most rapidly growing areas in the united states, and increasing urbanization pressures threaten the natural wild character and environment that makes the area special and valuable; and

WHEREAS, Restoration and protection of natural flows will maintain an area of more than 14 contiguous miles of year-round water in an area where such resources are virtually non-existent, creating opportunities for camping, birding, hiking and other recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, The protection of Fossil Creek as a National Wild and Scenic River will help to protect and restore the Yavapai-Apache's hunting, gathering, and spiritual traditional sites in the watershed as well as their cultural history; and

WHEREAS, Fish experts agree that restoration of Fossil Creek is one of the greatest opportunities to restore significant populations of five rare native desert fishes in the Southwest.

WHEREAS, Arizona tourism contributes over $10 billion a year to the state's economy, with wildlife viewing and associated activities contributing $1.6 billion annually and creating nearly 18,000 jobs in Arizona:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde hereby requests the United States Congress pass "*Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River*" legislation to permanently protect this unique and special place for present and a future generations this year and that copies of this resolution will be sent to The Honorable Rick Renzi, and Honorable John McCain.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona on the 24th day of May 2006.

Tony Gioia

Tony Gioia, Mayor

Date: 6/1/06

Attest:

Deborah Barber

Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

C. Brad Woodford

Town Attorney