

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FLAGSTAFF, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING CONGRESSMAN GOSAR'S AND SENATOR MCCAIN'S BIPARTISAN BILLS TO ENSURE JUSTICE FOR DOWNWINDERS EXPOSED TO GOVERNMENT RADIATION TESTING**

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, during the 1940s through the 1960s, the United States government conducted nearly 200 atmospheric weapons development tests as part of our nation's Cold War security strategy. In 1951, nuclear weapons testing began at a site known as the Nevada Proving Grounds, located approximately 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas. In 1990, Congress passed the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act ("RECA") to compensate individuals – commonly referred to as "Downwinders" - who contracted certain cancers and diseases attributed to radiation exposure from nuclear weapons testing; and

WHEREAS, there are boundary flaws with RECA that prevent otherwise eligible individuals that reside in counties in close proximity to testing grounds from receiving compensation for no logical reason – including individuals in Mohave County, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Gosar's Bill H.R. 3345 and Senator McCain's Bill S.1895 propose to amend RECA to expand the eligibility boundaries.

**ENACTMENTS:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Flagstaff, Arizona support Congressman Gosar's and Senator McCain's Bipartisan Bills to ensure justice for downwinders exposed to government radiation testing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Flagstaff, Arizona, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY