

**CITY OF KINGMAN
RESOLUTION NO. 5350**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGMAN, ARIZONA; SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE 117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION BY ARIZONA CONGRESSMAN PAUL GOSAR – H.R. 538 AND CONGRESSMAN GREG STANTON – H.R 612 TO INCLUDE CERTAIN COMMUNITIES (MOHAVE AND CLARK COUNTIES) AND TO EXTEND THE FUND UNDER THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT (RECA).

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1951, the first of years of nuclear weapons testing was conducted at a site known as the Nevada Proving Grounds, located approximately 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, the Atomic Energy Commission assured people living near test sites that testing would not occur without adequate assurance of public safety; and

WHEREAS, many Mohave County residents worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely affected by the radiation exposure generated by the above ground nuclear weapons testing that occurred in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, with the implementation and subsequent amendments to the RECA many parts of Mohave County were overlooked in the determination of covered areas when counties further East and Southeast were deemed eligible; and

WHEREAS, findings of Arizona’s Radiation Regulatory Agency in 2005 concluded that the Rads per individual to the thyroid in Mohave County were in some cases three times higher than those found in other Arizona counties that are in the RECA Covered Area; and

WHEREAS, with the introduction of legislation known as the Downwinders Parity Act of 2021 from Congressman Paul Gosar – H.R. 538 and Congressman Greg Stanton – H.R. 612 a hearing was held on March 24, 2021 in the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council does hereby support federal legislation known as the Downwinders Parity Act of 2021 which is intended to include certain communities, including Mohave County, and to extend the fund, and for other purposes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the CITY OF KINGMAN, ARIZONA, this 4th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Annie Meredith, City Clerk

Jen Miles, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carl Cooper, City Attorney