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The Honorable Congressman Paul Gosar  
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Congressman Gosar:

As the Mayor of the Town of Payson, Arizona and as authorized by formal action of our Town Council, I express and declare our **full support** for the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act and for the development of the **Resolution Copper Mine**.

Our Payson Town Council has **unanimously** passed **Resolution 2475** supporting Resolution Copper and this job creating Project. Although the Town of Payson is outside the immediate area of financial impact, we recognize the enormous potential benefit that will occur throughout our Region and nationally as this innovative project moves toward production. We will continue to work to move this project forward in a positive way.

Having participated in numerous public and private briefing and town hall type meetings, we are convinced that **Resolution Copper** will produce a significant number of high paying jobs in one of the most economically disadvantaged areas of the country. In a minority dominated area with high unemployment, this is one of the few projects in the past several decades to hold promise of breaking the cycle of unemployment and welfare dependency that is so prevalent in the area. As someone with Native American roots, I find great hope in Resolution's promise to offer training and life skill assistance to Apache community members in Southern Gila County.

As the Mayor of the largest Town in Gila County, I applaud your efforts and offer Payson's continued support. If there is anything further that we can do to promote this project and further job creation in this economically depressed region, please do not hesitate to let us know.

*Kenny J. Evans*

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Mayor  
Town of Payson