

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-14**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic has gripped the world (including Paradise Valley's corner of it) resulting in the tragic loss of life including some who may be family, friends, neighbors and coworkers; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic has presented challenges of daily living that none of us had imagined prior; and

**WHEREAS**, those working in our food supply chain—growers, pickers, packers, transporters, retail workers, delivery drivers—have continued to work so the rest of us have food on our tables; and

**WHEREAS**, those in medical and scientific communities—scientists working on tests, treatments and prevention, analysts tracking data and trends, nurses, doctors, EMTs, care facility workers, cleaning staff—have battled with this disease daily, while carrying on with other critical work, to save lives despite the gross lack of personal protective equipment, and inadequate medical facilities and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, those in the lodging, manufacturing, construction, restaurant, housing, delivery service, and many other essential industries have continued to work as safely as possible in order to keep the baseline of our economy and important services intact and functioning; and

**WHEREAS**, the financial industry—bankers, economists, accountants, bookkeepers—have quickly responded to unprecedented financial needs with measured analysis and forecasting, and new systems to distribute funds to laid-off /furloughed workers and businesses in crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety—police, firefighters—who face daily dangers in the best of times, have continued to endeavor to keep our persons and property safe; and

**WHEREAS**, our military and national guard have continued uninterrupted in their duties to maintain the safety and security of everyone in our great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, so many people with continuing work duties have shown remarkable flexibility and tenacity in adjusting to remote work by developing new processes and using new technology, often coexisting with at-home children and other family members while doing so; and

**WHEREAS**, school teachers, students and parents have adapted to remote educating and homeschooling, and have found joy in new ways of learning and connecting; and

**WHEREAS**, many citizens have mobilized to donate their time, skills and materials to shop for and help others at risk, and to produce millions of face masks, hospital gowns, surgical caps, and other personal protective equipment for frontline workers who had none; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's resort, business, and faith communities have responded positively, willingly, cooperatively, and excellently during this difficult time of declared emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's many County, State, and Federal partners have offered support and resources to help our community and other communities and people in need during these difficult times; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Town of Paradise Valley have responded graciously and with understanding and compassion for other people as the Town has worked to provide services under the constraints of physical distancing, the closure of Town buildings, and the Governor's stay-at-home order; and

**WHEREAS**, the employees and the appointed and elected citizen volunteers of the Town of Paradise Valley have shown resiliency and resolve to provide residents with uninterrupted concierge service including increased communication, fully-operational police and public works departments, uninterrupted Municipal Court services, a revised and responsible FY2021 budget and active financial planning for the future, and newly created online services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Town Council of Paradise Valley, Arizona, do hereby extend their humble gratitude and thanks to be part of an amazing nation, state and community that has worked effectively together in the face of a serious widespread health crisis to keep each other healthy, safe, and well, and who, together, will emerge from these difficult times stronger in mind and body, and with a new appreciation of all that they have.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020 by the affirmative vote of the members.

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Jerry Bien-Willner, Mayor

ATTEST

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Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Andrew M. Miller, Town Attorney