



**RESOLUTION NO. 15-09-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE AMENDED BYLAWS OF THE EASTERN ARIZONA COUNTIES ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO) was established by the boards of supervisors of Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Navajo counties in 1993 to address and advocate for issues common to the eastern Arizona counties they serve, particularly in the areas of natural resources and Federal public land management policies; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the time of ECO's formation, the five founding member counties adopted a set of Bylaws which have not been updated in twenty-two years; and,

**WHEREAS**, since adoption of the original Bylaws, Federal land management issues have become more complicated, resulting in other Arizona counties with adjacent boundaries and common issues requesting membership; and,

**WHEREAS**, the original Bylaws did not anticipate nor provide for membership beyond the five founding counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the founding members of ECO desire to enlarge its membership to include other Arizona counties in order to combine their efforts whenever possible to further the goals of ensuring cultural and social preservation, and enhancing economic stability and growth as relates to the management of resources, as well as facilitating cooperation on a regional level; and,

**WHEREAS**, modern digital technology applicable to the day-to-day operations of ECO has changed the ways in which the member counties currently communicate, conduct business, and hold meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, the original Bylaws are outdated and, in some instances, obsolete with respect to such things as posting requirements, meeting notices, and allowable types of attendance at meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Gila County, Arizona, hereby approves the Amended Bylaws of the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization to allow for the addition of new members and to accommodate utilization of new technologies.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2015, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

**Attest:**

**GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Marian Sheppard, Clerk

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Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

**Approved as to form:**

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Jefferson R. Dalton  
Deputy Gila County Attorney  
Civil Bureau Chief