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PROCLAMATION NO. 2014-01

A PROCLAMATION BY THE LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENDING THE GENEROUS COOPERATION OF THE ARIZONA PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL (APAAC) AND PROSECUTING COMMUNITY REGARDING CONFLICT CASES; SERVING LA PAZ COUNTY DURING THE TRANSITION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the La Paz County government experienced a transition of elected and appointed officials effective January 2013 that placed at least 185 ongoing criminal cases in conflict as regards legal representation of the state; and

WHEREAS, this dilemma had a potentially significant fiscal impact for the La Paz County budget which, since the great recession of 2008, has been under the same strain as all levels of Arizona government; and

WHEREAS, the La Paz County Attorney is a member of the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC), a collection of the state's prosecutors, including the Attorney General, 15 county attorneys and various municipal prosecuting agencies, which is statutorily tasked with coordination of the duties of the prosecuting attorneys of the state; and

WHEREAS, upon learning of the La Paz county dilemma, the various members of APAAC, including the Executive Director herself, rose to the occasion and took on the "conflict" cases, performing the prosecution function and absorbing the cases into their own work flow at no additional cost to La Paz County; and

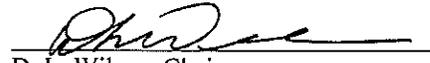
WHEREAS, this action, along with other support functions provided to the La Paz County Attorney by APAAC, has resulted in maintaining an efficient and effective work flow during this transition; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the APAAC members protected the rights of the involved defendants and maintained the goals of justice and public safety with no additional expenditure of funds by La Paz County government.

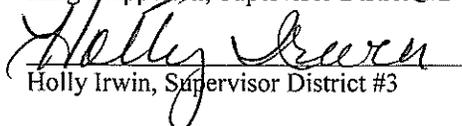
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED, that the La Paz County Board of Supervisors do hereby commend the generous cooperation of APAAC and Arizona's prosecuting community. This action stands as an exemplar of good government through the implementation of cooperative efforts that serve not only the fiscal interest of La Paz County, but also the entire state by upholding the ultimate goals of the criminal justice system and protecting constitutional rights and public safety through the timely administration of justice.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the La Paz County Board of Supervisors this 6th day of January, 2014.

LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


D. L. Wilson, Chairman


King Clapperton, Supervisor District #2


Holly Irwin, Supervisor District #3

ATTEST


Dan Field, Clerk of the Board