

**RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA AREA LABOR FEDERATION IN  
SUPPORT OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND AGAINST  
EFFORTS IN CONGRESS TO WEAKEN IT**

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years the Endangered Species Act has served as the nation's safety net for wildlife, saving hundreds of rare plants and animals from extinction, putting hundreds more on a path to recovery, and safeguarding the habitats upon which these species depend; and

WHEREAS, Pima County, where the Pima Area Labor Federation is based, has undertaken collaboratively a visionary Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan under Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act to ensure the protection of 55 priority vulnerable species of special concern; and

WHEREAS, this plan, known as the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, is an award-winning inspiration to many communities across the nation seeking ways to ensure a balance between urban development and protecting native plants and wildlife; and

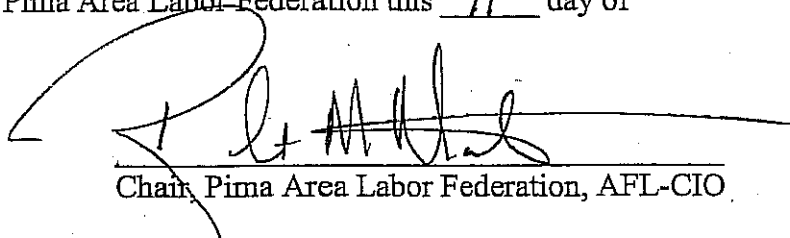
WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility to future generations to be good stewards of our environment and to leave behind us a legacy of protecting endangered species and the special places they call home; and

WHEREAS, the strength and vitality of our communities are linked inextricably with the health of all species and the places they live; and

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility to use the best science available to ensure we protect the legacy of unique rare species for future generations, as the Endangered Species Act requires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima Area Labor Federation hereby upholds the Endangered Species Act and calls upon the U.S. Congress to ensure this law remains a strong and vibrant means of protecting the special plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert, and elsewhere, from the finality of extinction.

Passed and adopted by the Pima Area Labor Federation this 11 day of January 2006.

  
Chair, Pima Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

