RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MESA AND THE NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Mesa deems it necessary and essential as a matter of public welfare that this City be involved with others in protecting and improving the critical Salt and Verde watersheds largely within the National forests in Arizona that provide approximately forty percent of Mesa's surface water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to join with the National Forest Foundation and other cities in contributing to the continued improvement in the health of the forests and their recovery from previous wildfires within the Apache-Sitgreaves, Coconino, Kaibab, Prescott and Tonto National Forests which are the watershed for the Verde River; and

WHEREAS, to further this work in the National forests, the City desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding contributions and their use with the National Forest Foundation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>: That the MOU between the National Forest Foundation and City of Mesa attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved.

<u>Section 2</u>: That the City Manager, or his designated representative, is authorized to enter into the MOU.

<u>Section 3</u>: That the various City officers and employees be and hereby are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary to give effect to this MOU.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 6th day of June, 2016.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk