

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA,
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON-
ESCOBEDO NEIGHBORHOOD AS A HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mesa has established the Heritage Neighborhood Program to recognize and support the maintenance of socially, culturally, and historically significant neighborhoods in Mesa; and

WHEREAS, the property owners and residents in the Washington-Escobedo neighborhood have completed the application process and have documented the people, events and/or cultural heritage that has influenced the neighborhood's historic integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Washington-Escobedo neighborhood was established more than 100 years ago, was the first location in Mesa where people of color could purchase a home and developed into a neighborhood with its own schools, church, stores, and social network; and,

WHEREAS, there are unique and identifiable physical characteristics that create the fabric of the Washington Escobedo neighborhood that have remained the same; and

WHEREAS, the residents, property owners, and business owners have created a unique and identifiable neighborhood through the adoption of their Quality of Life Plan; and

WHEREAS, the residents and property owners have held at least one neighborhood meeting and have stated their desire to maintain Washington-Escobedo neighborhood's sense of history and place in Mesa by becoming a Heritage Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the overall boundaries of the Washington-Escobedo neighborhood that is designated as a Heritage Neighborhood is from Center St. to Mesa Dr., 6th St. to University Dr. as depicted in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, all of the criteria for designation as a Heritage Neighborhood Program have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa Historic Preservation Board has reviewed the request for the Heritage Neighborhood Program and has recommended approval.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: The City Council approves the designation of Washington-Escobedo as a Heritage Neighborhood.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 17th day of October, 2016.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk