

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1675

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CREATING A NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

WHEREAS, New Mexico's outdoor recreation industry annually generates \$9.9 billion in consumer spending, \$2.8 billion in wages and salaries, \$623 million in state and local tax revenue, and supports 99,000 direct jobs across the New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in addition to economic benefits, outdoor recreation yields several positive individual and community health impacts, including improved physical fitness, increased confidence and creativity, and reduced stress and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, the opportunities for recreation and access to City of Farmington and New Mexico parks, public land and water serve as an incentive for businesses and employees to locate in or relocate to Farmington; and

WHEREAS, 65% of New Mexicans participate in outdoor recreation activities, such as camping, hiking, biking and fishing and take great pride in conservation of and access to their public lands; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's outdoors, natural landscapes and significant cultural and sacred sites make up a unique and vital part of the state's rich cultural heritage and identity; and

WHERE AS, the states surrounding New Mexico that have implemented an office of outdoor recreation are seeing economic benefits from a focused approach to outdoor tourism; and

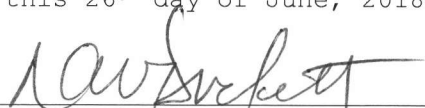
WHEREAS, for all of the reasons stated above New Mexico is in need of an Office of Outdoor Recreation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO, THAT:

We, as members of the Farmington City Council, support the creation of a New Mexico Office of Outdoor Recreation to advance New Mexico's thriving outdoor industry and the many benefits a life outdoors provides New Mexicans, and request that:

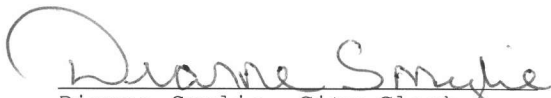
- (1) The New Mexico Legislature and Governor support legislation and appropriate the funding necessary to establish a New Mexico Office of Outdoor Recreation.
- (2) A New Mexico Office of Outdoor Recreation should support the establishment and promotion of outdoor recreation opportunities and jobs across New Mexico.

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2018.


Nate Duckett, Mayor

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ATTEST:


Dianne Smylie, City Clerk