

RESOLUTION 2012-12

PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD

A JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD WITH CITIES, COUNTIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES ACROSS NEVADA IN SUPPORT OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY GREAT BASIN COLLEGE TO NEVADA CITIZENS IN RURAL NEVADA

WHEREAS, Great Basin College serves rural Nevada citizens with a variety of Bachelor and Associate Degrees and Certificate Programs with classroom facilities including interactive video classes and internet classes in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Humboldt, White Pine and Nye Counties; and

WHEREAS, Great Basin College provides, over vast geographical distances, higher educational opportunities in rural Nevada that enriches students with knowledge and skills for employment and life enhancement that helps them become productive and engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pahrump supports post secondary education opportunities for the benefit of our citizens as well as economic development, businesses and industry; and

WHEREAS, many citizens, due to distance and financial constraints, would be unable to attain higher education opportunities without the continuation of innovative programs for learning provided by Great Basin College; and

WHEREAS, Great Basin College through inventive use of technology and administrative direction was able to expand higher education services to Nye County as part of its mission to provide quality post secondary education services in the rural areas of Nevada and could potentially expand to other rural areas of the State if reasonable funding is available; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Pahrump acknowledges the great economic contributions of metropolitan areas in our State while stating that the preliminary results of an internal study indicates that rural Nevada contributions to the State General Fund are comparable to metropolitan areas on a "per capita" basis; and

WHEREAS, previous funding reductions have hampered the mission of Great Basin College to provide quality post secondary education services to rural areas of our State and in rural areas outside of the service area of Great Basin College, systematic cutbacks to the Fallon Campus of the Western Nevada College in Churchill County over the last decade have seriously impacted class offerings, enrollment and staffing, and Lincoln, Pershing, Mineral and Esmeralda Counties have seen reductions almost to no higher education services being available; and

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WHEREAS, severe funding reduction proposals such as the additional 34% revenue reduction presented by the Chancellor will cause dramatic loss and life changing educational services provided by Great Basin College to our citizens across the rural areas our Great State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Town of Pahrump Town Board joins with Cities, Counties and Local Government Entities across our Great State in support of efforts to assist Great Basin College in its mission to provide quality post secondary education services to Rural Nevada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Pahrump Town Board does not support severe funding reductions to the Great Basin College budget and encourages the Governor, Nevada Legislature and the Nevada Board of Regents to consider the importance of Great Basin College services to students that may not be able to seek other higher education options due to financial and long geographical distance considerations.

Motion proposed by Town Board Member: Dr. Waters

Motion seconded by Town Board Member: Mr. Kulkin

Vote: 4 - 0

Ayes: Mrs. Parker, Mr. Kulkin, Dr. Waters, Mr. Darby

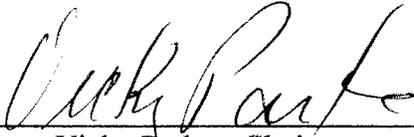
Nays: None

Absent: None

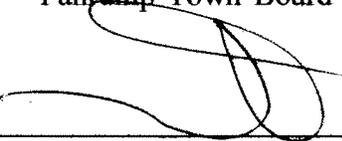
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Approved on the 28th day of August, 2012.

ATTEST:



Vicky Parker, Chairman
Pahrump Town Board



Dr. Tom Waters, Clerk
Pahrump Town Board