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RESOLUTION NO. 08-03-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF GILA, SUPPORTING THE CITY OF COOLIDGE RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF THE ARIZONA TRAINING PROGRAM AT COOLIDGE, ARIZONA.

WHEREAS, the Gila County Board of Supervisors has received word that House Bill 2827 has been introduced during the current session of the Arizona Legislature to close the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge (ATPC) has been the home for special needs people since March 19, 1952; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Training Program (ATPC) is well experienced in serving high needs individuals who may never have the opportunity to benefit from general population education programs; and

WHEREAS, it would be more costly to serve the fragile population in the community than it currently does at the Arizona Training Program. Time has proven that not everyone is well served in group homes and indeed are more restricted in that setting. The Arizona Training Program is truly a sanctuary in a beautiful, peaceful setting while at the same time provides total community participation; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Training Program (ATPC) has been an important social and economic neighbor to the City of Coolidge for fifty years and the resources derived from that partnership are incorporated into the City's culture and financial base; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge (ATPC) is one of the largest employers in the Coolidge area employing more than 372 people. Closure would have a significant and negative impact on the local economy resulting in the loss of jobs to a large number of people in a geographic area that does not have a lot of other employment opportunities and in which unemployment is already a problem; and

WHEREAS, faced with already declining revenues, City of Coolidge services to their citizens will ultimately suffer and certainly affect all who work and live in our community; and



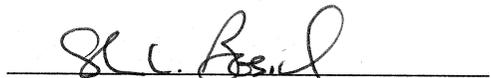
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: the Gila County Board of Supervisors is in support of the City of Coolidge Resolution opposing the closure of the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge (ATPC) and strongly urge our legislators to explore other options.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2008, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: ATTEST:



José M. Sanchez, Chairman



Steven L. Besich, Clerk of the Board

