

RESOLUTION NO. 1847

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINSLOW, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING CONTINUED AND UNINTERRUPTED AMTRAK PASSENGER SERVICE IN WINSLOW

WHEREAS, the history of the train dates back to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway's (Santa Fe) inauguration of its *Chief* in the 1920s, an ultra-luxurious heavyweight that immediately became a hit, followed by the streamlined *Super Chief* a decade later; and

WHEREAS, today's *Chief* takes passengers more than halfway across the country from Chicago to Los Angeles on a trip that requires nearly two full days traveling the rails. The journey, which roughly follows the same route as the original, offers a variety of scenery from Midwestern countryside to high deserts of the southwest and finally the Tehachapi Mountains of southern California; and

WHEREAS, the *Southwest Chief* has made Winslow not only a stop on the rail but the Winslow Depot has become a premier stop for exquisite dining, Smithsonian quality art and the world famous La Posada Hotel (the gem of the Harvey Houses), making the *Southwest Chief* an economic driver for the entire route including Winslow where it loads and unloads over 4,000 passengers at the La Posada Depot annually; and

WHEREAS, millions of tourist from around the world ride the rail in the pullman sleeping car, have meals in the dinning car and enjoy the view in the observation car; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of booking your seat on the *Southwest Chief* includes affordable, safe and dependable transportation with no traffic congestion while saving energy and reducing pollution; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Amtrak began discussions to shut down the *Southwest Chief* through middle America resulting in many from Chicago to Los Angeles expressing concerns by contacting Congress to keep the *Chief* on the rails; and

WHEREAS, altering the schedules of the *Southwest Chief* would dramatically shake the economy of those stop locations and would be detrimental to loss of employment and accessibility for those who depend on Amtrak in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the *Southwest Chief* has an incredible legacy in Arizona and the City of Winslow supports all efforts to keep it running across the rails of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINSLOW that they are in full support of continued and uninterrupted Amtrak Passenger Service in Winslow.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Winslow, this 27th day of July, 2020.


Thomas L. McCauley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Suzy Wetzel, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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