



YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES/MEXICO/CANADA TRADE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS: On November 30th, 2018, the Presidents of Mexico and the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada signed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, a 21st century, high-standard agreement to modernize the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, and;

WHEREAS: The agreement includes provisions that result in the following broad-scope improvements regarding trade among the three countries:

- 1) Improved rules of origin for autos, trucks, and other products,
- 2) Modernization of agricultural trade in North America,
- 3) Provisions to prevent currency manipulation,
- 4) Protections for U.S. intellectual property, and
- 5) Ensuring small and medium-sized enterprises benefit from the agreement, and;

WHEREAS: Arizona's exports to Mexico and Canada were valued at \$9.7 billion and include such items as computer and electronics, transportation equipment, agricultural products, and chemicals, and

WHEREAS: Trade with Mexico and Canada supports 228,300 jobs in Arizona, and;

WHEREAS: Trade, tourism, and economic development opportunities between Yuma County and the Mexican states of Sonora and Baja California are becoming increasingly important components of our regional economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Yuma County Board of Supervisors supports the passage of the United States/Mexico/Canada Agreement by the United States Congress to stimulate foreign direct investment along the United States/Mexico border and provide certainty for the Yuma Region as it moves forward with bi-national economic development initiatives.

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2019.



Marco A. "Tony" Reyes, Chairman

ATTEST:



SUSAN K. THORPE
County Administrator/Clerk of Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND DETERMINED TO BE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
PERFORMANCE OF DUTY OF THE YUMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:



JON R. SMITH, County Attorney