

RESOLUTION 19-__

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF JAMES RANCH ROAD AS THE PREFERRED LOCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMERCIAL PORT OF ENTRY

WHEREAS, Cochise County shares 83 miles of international border with Mexico and its communities, the State of Arizona, and the region are heavily dependent on trade, tourism and investment from Mexico for their continued growth; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Arizona's trade in Mexico grew by 7.7% to over \$16.7 billion of which \$4 billion in trade moved through the Raul H. Castro Port of Entry in Douglas, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, 28,000 trucks, 1.7 million cars, 848,000 pedestrians and a combined 3.97 million people in northbound traffic moved through the Raul H. Castro Port of Entry in Douglas, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the historic Raul H. Castro Port of Entry that connects Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico is located in the developed, landlocked downtown areas of both cities, making the safe and efficient transportation of trade goods and industrial materials difficult; and

WHEREAS, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors supports the General Services Administration (GSA) building a commercial port of entry in Cochise County to divert commercial traffic from the Raul H. Castro Port of Entry; and

WHEREAS, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors supports the designation and selection of the James Ranch Road property as the site of the new United States/Mexico commercial port of entry; and

WHEREAS, James Ranch Road is a premier location to drive positive local economic development in Cochise County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cochise County Board of Supervisors will budget resources toward the planning and execution of this major project.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2019.

Peggy Judd, Chairman Cochise County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Arlethe G. Rios
Clerk of the Board

Britt Hanson
Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney