

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RATIFY THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT (USMCA)

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the United States has reached an agreement with Mexico and Canada in the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The United States Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA) is the strongest and most advanced trade agreement ever negotiated. It is good for the United States, Mexico, and Canada in a way that truly benefits our workers, farmers, ranchers and businesses;

WHEREAS, when finalized and implemented, the agreement will create more balanced, reciprocal trade that supports high-paying jobs for Americans and grows the North American economy;

WHEREAS, Canada and Mexico are Arizona's top two trading partners in terms of total trade as well as top two destination for Arizona products and services;

WHEREAS, more than 228,000 Arizona jobs are dependent on trade and investment with Mexico and Canada;

WHEREAS, two-way trade with Mexico and Canada totaled over \$20 billion in Arizona;

WHEREAS, the USMCA will create a more level playing field for American workers, including improved rules of origin for automobiles, trucks, other products, and disciplines on currency manipulation;

WHEREAS, the USMCA will benefit American farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses by modernizing and strengthening food and agriculture trade throughout North America. Greater protection in the agricultural sector is offered in the new trade agreement, which is an industry of great interest to Arizona;

WHEREAS, the USMCA ensures that the US products and services will have preferred access to the Mexican and Canadian markets;

WHEREAS, the new digital trade chapter contains the strongest disciplines of any international agreement, providing a firm foundation for the expansion and investment in innovative products and services where Arizona companies and the U.S. has a competitive advantage; and

WHEREAS, the USMCA will boost tourism and economic activities in the city of Flagstaff toward economic and community vitality.

ENACTMENTS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS

FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A letter shall be transmitted to every member of Arizona delegation in the United States Congress and Arizona Senators Krysten Sinema and Martha McSally urging the immediate ratification of the United States Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Flagstaff this 15th day of October, 2019.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY