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Dec 3, 2024

Honorable Governor Hobbs,
Senators Hatathlie, Rogers,
Representatives Peshlakai, Tsosie, Marshall and Cook

RE: Support funding for the Pioneer Museum and Arizona Historical Society FY2026 Budget

Dear Governor Hobbs, Senators and Representatives,

The Flagstaff City Council is writing today to urge your support for Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff. The Pioneer Museum, owned by the Arizona Historical Society, is a showcase of the history of Northern Arizona, providing visitors with an interactive experience with priceless collections of photos and artifacts telling the rich history of Northern Arizona. The Pioneer Museum was closed just prior to the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak and has not been re-opened.

The Arizona Historical Society has included a \$360,000 budget line item in its FY2026 budget for Pioneer Museum. We urge you to support the Pioneer Museum line item and to fully support the full FY2026 Arizona Historical Society budget. Flagstaff receives over 5.5 million day and overnight visitors who are looking to experience the local culture and history of our community and are missing the opportunity to add the Pioneer Museum to their itinerary. The Council believes in the value of this museum for our community and for the State of Arizona.

Please support the Pioneer Museum and the full FY2026 Arizona Historical Society budget. We appreciate your support for Northern Arizona and our State.

Sincerely,

Becky Daggett,
Mayor, City of Flagstaff, on behalf of the Flagstaff City Council