

## RESOLUTION

### RESOLUTION FROM THE GILA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHEAST ARIZONA LAND EXCHANGE PENDING IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND U.S. SENATE.

**WHEREAS;** Gila County Democrats, recognize the significant role that Copper Mining has played in the History and Economic Development of our County and the State of Arizona for more than 100 years; and

**WHEREAS;** Rio Tinto is actively engaged in the development of an environmentally sound underground mining project, known as the Resolution Copper Mine, in and around the Oak Flat Area East of the Town of Superior; and

**WHEREAS;** This mining project is projected to bring over 1,200 permanent, quality jobs to Gila County and the surrounding areas for the next 50 to 60 years, and,

**WHEREAS;** Democrats nationally are actively engaged in advancing green technology, which requires large quantities of copper for use in windmills, solar panels, and hybrid vehicles, and

**WHEREAS;** Resolution Copper and its parent company, Rio Tinto, have a performance record in the last 20 years which has demonstrated a desire to be an industry leader in lowering risks to the environment and human life, and

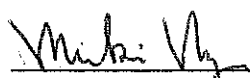
**WHEREAS;** The economic impact on the area, the State of Arizona, and the United States is projected to be over 60 Billion dollars, and

**WHEREAS;** Gila County Democrats, understand the importance of the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act recently introduced in the United States Senate and House of Representatives to the development of the Resolution Copper Mine; and

**WHEREAS;** Gila County Democrats, understand the potential positive and negative cultural, economic and environmental impacts associated with these bills and the proposed Copper Mine; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Chairman, and the membership of Gila County Democrats, hereby declare their full support for the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act and Rio Tinto's efforts to develop the Resolution Copper Mine in and around the Oak Flat Area east of the Town of Superior.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.



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**Mickie Nye, Vice Chair  
Gila County Democrats**