## TOWN OF CAREFREE, ARIZONA RESOLUTION 2022-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAREFREE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO CONDUCT THE AUGUST 2, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION AND NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION AND DO SO AS AN ALL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 16-409(A).

WHEREAS, it is provided by law for the holding of a primary, and general election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. 16-204(E)(1) and (2), Primary Elections are set for the first Tuesday in August and the General Elections are set for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the Primary Election in the Town of Carefree ("Primary Election") shall be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, for purpose of electing a Mayor and six Councilmembers, and to determine whether a General Election ("General Election") shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to fill any elected offices that remain unfilled after the Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, the publication of the call and notice of the Primary Election and General Election shall be given, or caused to be given, by the Town Clerk, as provided by law, and as may be deemed necessary and appropriate in the Town Clerk's discretion to advise the public of the elections; and

WHEREAS, the returns of the Primary Election and the General Election shall be made to the Town Council, which shall meet not less than six (6) days nor more than twenty (20) days following the election to canvass the returns and certify the results, all as provided by law. If, at the time of the date set for the Council meeting, the returns from any polling place are found to be missing, the Town Clerk is authorized to postpone the meeting from day to day until all the returns are received, or until six postponements have been made; and

WHEREAS, Towns have the option, pursuant to A.R.S. 16-409(A) to conduct any elections with mail ballots on the approved consolidated election dates; and

WHEREAS, mail balloting yields higher voter participation; and

WHEREAS, that mail ballots delivered by the United States Postal Service remain secure and confidential; and

WHEREAS, to protect against voter fraud, the Maricopa County Recorder's Office electronically scans and personally matches every voter signature affixed to each returned ballot envelope against the voter's signature on file from his or her voter registration form; and

WHEREAS, the database maintained by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office makes it impossible for a voter to vote more than one ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Carefree, Arizona, as follows:

The Town Clerk is authorized to conduct the Primary Election and General Election pursuant to A.R.S. 16-204(E)(1) and (2), cause the publication of the Call of Election and Notice of the Primary Election and General Election as set forth, conduct the elections as "Mail Ballot Elections" for the 2020 Primary and General Elections, in accordance with A.R.S. Title 16, Article 7.1, and canvass the election as set forth above.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Carefree, Arizona, this \_/ 5/ day of March, 2022.

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Les Peterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael W. Wright, Town Attorney