

RESOLUTION NO. 696

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GREATER ARIZONA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FOR WATER SYSTEM MAPPING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING.

WHEREAS, the Town of Jerome owns and operates a public water system consisting of an extensive network of water transmission and distribution infrastructure serving residents, businesses, public facilities, and visitors to the community; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Town's water infrastructure are historic and have been installed, modified, repaired, and replaced over many decades, and the Town does not currently possess a complete, accurate, and georeferenced digital inventory of its water system infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to undertake a Water System Mapping and Infrastructure Planning Project to locate, document, map, and georeference its water infrastructure and develop information that can be incorporated into Geographic Information System (GIS) and Computer-Aided Design (CAD) platforms for future infrastructure planning, maintenance, emergency response, engineering, and capital improvement purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town estimates that approximately 45,000+ linear feet of water infrastructure may require mapping and documentation, making professional technical assistance necessary to establish an accurate and usable system inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Arizona Development Authority ("GADA") provides Technical Assistance Grant funding of up to \$25,000 to eligible political subdivisions for the development of infrastructure projects, and the Town desires to request an amount not to exceed \$25,000 in GADA Technical Assistance Grant funding for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council find that the Water System Mapping and Infrastructure Planning Project is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Jerome because accurate infrastructure information will improve the Town's ability to identify and respond to water system failures, plan repairs and capital improvements, coordinate future engineering and construction, reduce uncertainty associated with underground infrastructure, and support the long-term reliability and resilience of the Town's public water system; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council find that the project is expected to have a positive economic impact on the community by improving the Town's ability to efficiently plan and prioritize infrastructure investments, reducing costs and service disruptions associated with locating undocumented infrastructure, improving the efficiency of future

engineering and construction activities, and supporting reliable water service for Jerome's residents, businesses, public facilities, and tourism-based economy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Jerome commits a local cash contribution of \$5,000 toward the Technical Assistance Project and will provide such additional staff coordination and project administration as may be necessary to successfully complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA, that the Town is authorized to apply for and, if awarded, accept a Greater Arizona Development Authority Technical Assistance Grant in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, subject to approval by the GADA Board of Directors, for the Town of Jerome Water System Mapping and Infrastructure Planning Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager/Clerk, or their designee, is authorized to execute the application, grant agreement, and any other documents and take such actions as may be reasonably necessary to apply for, accept, administer, and complete the GADA Technical Assistance Grant on behalf of the Town of Jerome.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, this 14th day of September, 2026.

Christina “Alex” Barber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brett Klein, Town Manager / Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Attorney