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TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA

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RESOLUTION NO. 680

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA, FORMALLY OPPOSING THE MANDATORY DISPOSAL OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND AND NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND FOR HOUSING PROVISIONS ADDED TO THE PROPOSED ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

WHEREAS, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a budget reconciliation bill, is currently pending before the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act was passed in the House of Representatives in May, 2025, and is actively being reviewed by the U.S. Senate, with a vote on its passage expected soon; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee added a provision that would require the sale of 2.1-3.3 million acres of federal public land within 5 years, primarily managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that the mandatory disposal of Bureau of Land Management land and National Forest System land for Housing provision would have a detrimental impact on the Verde Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to formally express its opposition to the mandatory disposal of Bureau of Land Management land and National Forest System land for Housing provision added to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and communicate this opposition to federal representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, that the Town Council formally opposes the mandatory disposal of Bureau of Land Management land and National Forest System land for housing provision added to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and support the Mayor's efforts to communicate said opposition.

Passed and approved on this 8th day of July, 2025.

APPROVED:

Christina "Alex" Barber, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Brett Klein, Town Manager/Clerk

ATTEST:

Gust Rosenfeld, PLC, BY: John A. Gaylord, Town Attorney