

**Resolution
In Recognition of**

Astronomers of Verde Valley

WHEREAS: In November 1969, Alamo Lake State Park opened to the public; On November 5, 1999, Kartchner Caverns State Park opened to the public.

WHEREAS: Alamo Lake State Park has a \$5.6 million impact on La Paz County through direct, indirect, and induced income. Kartchner Caverns State Park has a \$12.3 million impact on Cochise County through direct, indirect, and induced income.

WHEREAS: The Astronomers of Verde Valley recognized the importance of keeping Alamo Lake State Park and Kartchner Caverns State Park open to the public and recognized that the budget constraints affecting the State of Arizona made it difficult for the Arizona State Parks Board to commit adequate funds to operate the park. The agreement with the Astronomers of Verde Valley demonstrates it is committed to helping keep Alamo Lake State Park and Kartchner Caverns State Park open to the public and to enhance the visitors experience at each park.

WHEREAS: The Astronomers of Verde Valley has performed this task beyond expectation by providing Star Night speakers and telescopes to enhance the visitors experience at Alamo Lake State Park and Kartchner Caverns State Park events; and

WHEREAS: The Astronomers of Verde Valley continues to provide superb service to the Arizona State Parks Board and the people of Arizona, in times of need and times of plenty; it is hereby

RESOLVED:

That the Arizona State Parks Board expresses sincere gratitude for the work and accomplishments of the Astronomers of Verde Valley; and

That this Resolution be entered into the records of the Arizona State Parks Board and a copy be presented to the Astronomers of Verde Valley as a token of the high regard held by the Arizona State Parks Board.

Dated this thirtieth day of November 2011.


Tracey Westerhausen, Chair
Arizona State Parks Board

Arizona State Parks Board Members

Walter D. Armer, Jr., Reese Woodling, Larry Landry, Alan Everett, William C. Scalzo
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