

RESOLUTION NO.02-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE RIDGECREST INTERPLANETARY SPACE POLICY

WHEREAS, large clusters of space enterprise manufacturers have settled in California thereby making this state one of the few in the nation with end-to-end capabilities of research and design, manufacture, launch, and systems management; and

WHEREAS, our community has benefited from the creation of new jobs and economic growth that has occurred due to a prosperous space enterprise climate in California and in our community associated with space enterprise; and

WHEREAS, as growth in space enterprise services such as global positioning systems, remote sensing and satellite imaging continues to evolve from an industry dominated by governmental contracts to one that is commercially-driven and project oriented, our community is certain to build upon our economic foundation as new markets are created by the demands of consumers; and

WHEREAS, at least 40 countries and 18 states are eagerly competing for a share of the expansion of the worldwide space market, thereby creating competition to our community in its ability to retain and grow space enterprise businesses located within our borders; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the jobs and revenues that will be created by space enterprise in our community, we recognize that we host impressive educational facilities, faculties, technical education and training programs all poised to assume a vigorous proactive role in promoting and addressing space enterprise needs throughout the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest as follows:

1. The City of Ridgecrest does hereby support the development of space enterprise consistent with prudent environmental sensitivity and minimal regulation in order to retain and grow the prestige, jobs and associated economic benefits of a robust space enterprise community and the services development of new services provided therefrom.
2. The City of Ridgecrest shall support and foster the development of appropriate space enterprise activities in our community, including: space education and job training, flight infrastructure development, economic diversification, space vehicle launch activity and space-related tourism.
3. The City of Ridgecrest commends the California Space Authority for its efforts to foster and maintain space enterprise in our community and

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4. throughout the State of California and that their continued efforts to educate policy makers and elected officials be supported for the economic betterment and diversification of the entire state.
5. The City of Ridgecrest declares June 20th of each year, the day the first man set foot on the Moon, to be honored as Space Day for the community and to support and encourage educational programs within the community specific to space enterprise development.
6. The City of Ridgecrest directs its Senior Staff to include, as appropriate, in their respective written statements of responsibilities and duties an element that addresses our community's vigorous support of space enterprise development. Among other things this support shall include a streamlined permitting process, a rapid response to industry problems under our jurisdiction, an immediate response to calls for assistance for expansion of facilities or potential location to our community or appropriate space enterprise activities.
7. The City of Ridgecrest, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation, shall identify and preserve existing and projected land-based corridors, routes, and facilities necessary for space enterprise extra-legal permit loads and devise a method to continuously monitor and protect these routes from adverse actions by State, Federal, regional and/or local government agencies.
8. The City of Ridgecrest upon adopting this Resolution shall deliver signed copies of it to California's Governor; Secretary of Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency; Deputy Secretary of the Division of Science, Technology, and Innovation; the Chief Executive Officer of the California Space Authority; and Ridgecrest's State Legislators; and that the resolution shall be posted on the community's web site.

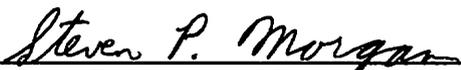
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of May 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Morgan, Council Members Carter, Holloway, Martin, and Rollins

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None


Steven P. Morgan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Harvey M. Rose
City Clerk