

**CITY OF KINGMAN
RESOLUTION NO. 5232**

**AN RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGMAN, ARIZONA,
PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELEPHANTS, BEARS,
LIONS, AND TIGERS IN PUBLIC PERFORMANCES.**

WHEREAS, conditions inherent to traveling performances, including constant travel, temporary and collapsible facilities, and the prolonged confinement and physical coercion of animals, subject wild or exotic animals to compromised welfare and chronic stress, and present public and worker health and safety risks; and

WHEREAS, wild or exotic animals used in traveling performances bring people dangerously close to unpredictable wild or exotic animals by displaying animals in inappropriate, uncontrolled areas that are not suited for the exhibition of such animals; and

WHEREAS, traveling wild or exotic animal performances use collapsible, temporary, mobile facilities, which risk escape and serious harm to animals, workers, and the public; and

WHEREAS, wild or exotic animals used in traveling performances suffer severe and extended confinement, and, deprived of natural movements, free exercise, and natural behaviors, are prone to chronic stress, behavioral, health, and psychological problems; and

WHEREAS, the frequent mobility of traveling performances using wild or exotic animals complicates oversight such that agencies and authorities cannot properly monitor, evaluate, or follow through regarding the condition of animals or facilities, or their history of potential injuries, incidents, illnesses, violations, or other issues, and so cannot properly protect animals, workers, or the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingman's Police and Fire Departments are not trained or equipped to handle the risks imposed by escaped wild or exotic animals against the public and community at large; and

WHEREAS, wild or exotic animals are forced to perform unnatural tricks requiring extreme physical coercion, including, but not limited to the use of food and water restrictions, electric shock devices, bullhooks, metal bars, whips, and muzzles among other abuses; and

WHEREAS, using wild or exotic as commodities traded for traveling performances adds nothing to the understanding and conservation of such animals and the natural environment, and actually undermines conservation efforts necessary to protect threatened and endangered species.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE KINGMAN CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

The Kingman City Council has determined that for the public health, safety, and welfare of the City and the prevention of animal cruelty to prohibit the performance of elephants, bears, lions, and tigers within the city limits of Kingman, Arizona.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Kingman,
Arizona, on _____, 2019

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sydney Muhle, City Clerk

Jen Miles, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carl Cooper, City Attorney