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# TOWN OF JEROME

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following ordinance was adopted by the Jerome Town Council on July 30, 2013.

*Candace B. Gallagher, CMC  
Town Manager/Clerk*

## ORDINANCE NO. 403

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE JEROME TOWN CODE BY THE ADDITION OF NEW CHAPTER 17, "CIVIL UNIONS."**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Jerome support the right of every person to enter into a lasting and meaningful relationship with the partner of his or her choice, regardless of the gender or sexual orientation of the parties to that relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Jerome seeks to lessen the impact of discriminatory practices upon all persons within the Town of Jerome, specifically including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") persons; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Jerome has all of the express or implied powers granted to it under the laws of the State of Arizona and that authority which is not prohibited by the Constitution of this State; and

WHEREAS, to the full extent of its authority to do so, and to no further extent, the Town of Jerome hereby exercises its authority to express its support for ending discrimination against all persons on the basis of their gender or sexual orientation and hereby exercises those powers which it may exercise to lessen the impact of discriminatory practices upon all persons within the Town of Jerome, specifically including LGBT persons; and

WHEREAS, to the full extent of its authority to do so, and to no further extent, the Town of Jerome exercises its authority to express its support for the right of all individuals to manage their personal affairs through the formation of contractual agreements and the designation of agents; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Jerome to refuse to continue to remain silent on this issue, in the face of discriminatory practices that are inconsistent with the principles upon which our country was founded, and to take such actions as are within its authority to ameliorate this situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That certain document known as "Chapter 17 Civil Unions," an amendment to the Town Code of the Town of Jerome, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, which document was made a public record by Resolution No. 517 of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, is referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this Ordinance.

Section 2. The Jerome Town Code is hereby amended by the addition of NEW Chapter 17, "Civil Unions."

Section 3. Following its adoption, this Ordinance shall be published by the Town Clerk in accordance with the requirements of A.R.S. § 39-203 *et seq.*

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency herewith.

Section 5. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, any provision incorporated by reference and any other provision of the Town Code as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared invalid.