## **RESOLUTION NO. 06-30**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFORM AND PROMPT PROCESS FOR CHECKING THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUNDS OF VOLUNTEERS

**WHEREAS**, all Arizona cities and towns are concerned about criminals using volunteer opportunities to prey on children, the elderly and other program participants; and

WHEREAS, the development of a uniform and prompt process for checking the criminal backgrounds of prospective volunteers will help ensure that the activities that cities and towns sponsor are safe; and

WHEREAS, the prototype should include such issues as what convictions disqualify a volunteer from service, how often a volunteer's criminal record should be checked, and whether cities and towns that follow the standards that are established are entitled to use such compliance as a defense against a civil claim concerning its volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that the development of a uniform and prompt process for checking the criminal backgrounds of volunteers will benefit the City of Maricopa in its efforts to protect the citizens of Maricopa.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, that the City is hereby supporting the development of a uniform and prompt process for checking the criminal backgrounds of volunteers.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2006.

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney