

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 188**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RELATING TO WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND CALLING  
UPON THE U.S. CONGRESS TO REPEAL FEDERAL PRE-EMPTION OF  
LOCAL AUTHORITY TO CONTROL THE LOCATING, CONSTRUCTION  
AND INSTALLATION OF THESE FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the health and safety of Pima County residents are, under Arizona Revised Statutes, fundamental concerns of Pima County government, and

WHEREAS, a growing number of peer-reviewed scientific studies are showing that the electromagnetic fields emanating from wireless communications towers and facilities are capable of detrimental health effects, and

WHEREAS, there is a spirited debate in scientific and medical communities about the potential for adverse long-term effects of these emissions on the environment and on people living or working in close proximity to wireless communications facilities, and

WHEREAS, questions are being raised about the adequacy of existing Federal Communications Commission regulations of these emissions and facilities to protect vulnerable populations – young children, the elderly and hypersensitive individuals – against the cumulative long-term effects of low-frequency electromagnetic and radio-frequency emissions on those who live, attend school or work in close proximity to wireless communications facilities, and

WHEREAS, Section 704 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 prevents local governments, including the Pima County government, from effectively regulating the placement of wireless communications facilities on the basis of potential or known environmental or health effects of this electromagnetic radiation, and

WHEREAS, there has been an explosion in recent years in the number of requests in Pima County for the construction and installation of wireless communications facilities, and a vast increase recently in such requests that are for sites in heavily populated areas – among homes, schools and workplaces,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors calls for the U.S. Congress and the Obama administration to repeal Section 704 of the Federal Telecommunication Act of 1996, and otherwise let local jurisdictions control fully the siting, construction and installation of wireless communications facilities in order to ensure that their constituents' environment, health and safety are protected from the potentially damaging effects of electromagnetic radiation.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this 4th day of August, 2009.



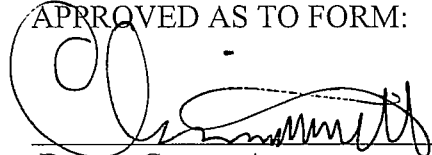
Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Deputy County Attorney