TOWN OF PAYSON PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, determined that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Arizona that justified his declaration of a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, found and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – in an effort to control the COVID-19 outbreak – are currently recommending social distancing, the cancellation of non-essential large gatherings of more than 50 people, and that individuals older than 60 years of age and those with chronic medical conditions should not attend gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Payson is authorized under the current circumstances by Payson Town Code Section 30-22(F), A.R.S. § 26-307, and/or A.R.S. § 26-311 to proclaim that a local emergency exists and, thereafter, to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town.

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND IMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The COVID-19 outbreak – consistent with the above-listed declarations, proclamations, and recommendations – present conditions in the Town of Payson that endanger life and justify this proclamation of an emergency.

2. An emergency now exists in the Town of Payson.

3. The Mayor and Council will continue at this time to govern the Town, but its and, as applicable, other Town meetings will be procedurally modified as follows until the emergency declared herein abates and its withdrawn, or a subsequent Proclamation is issued with amendments:

a. Public attendance at Town Council meetings shall be restricted. Members of the public may view Council proceedings via the Town's internet livestream, local televised broadcast, or other technological means as may be established.

b. "Call to the Public" and public comment shall be suspended at Town Council meetings, except where such public comment may be required by law. The Council Rules of Procedure are suspended insofar as they relate to procedures regarding "Call to the Public" or to the taking of public comments at Town Council meetings.

c. Councilmembers shall be permitted, at each Councilmember's option, to attend Town Council meetings via teleconference or other technological means as appropriate and feasible. A quorum of the Town Council need not physically appear at a Council meeting to take legal action on Town business.

d. The meetings of all Town boards and commissions shall be cancelled or postponed until further notice.

ATTEST:

Thomas Morrissey, Mayor

Tracie Bailey, Town Clerk