

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence knows no boundaries – seeking victims from all economical, social, ethnic, religious, and education backgrounds, the crime of Domestic Violence invades an individual’s privacy, violates their dignity, and destroys their sense of security, leaving in its path of destruction an impact that is felt by society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Time Out Domestic Violence Shelter will celebrate the anniversary of their TWELFTH year of operation on **October 25, 2006**; and,

WHEREAS, Time Out domestic violence emergency shelter served 161 women and children as residents, 7 women and 10 children in their transitional housing program, and an additional 294 individuals in our community from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. 3,360 hours of group education were provided, as well as 12,638 hours of crisis intervention, and 479 hours of case management. Services have expanded and include safety planning, individual crisis counseling, educational groups, legal and community advocacy, community education, children/teens’ program, and ongoing follow-up programs; and,

WHEREAS, Time Out will join the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence in an attempt to bring awareness to the public that: **“It is a community issue and everyone’s business,”**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, F. Robert Edwards, Mayor of the Town of Payson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 2006

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Payson, and urge all citizens to assist Time Out in their efforts to eliminate domestic violence in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 21st day of September, 2006.

F. Robert Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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