PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hospice care provides patients and families the highest quality pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, most often delivered in the home, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

WHEREAS, last year, over one million Americans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from the 4,000 hospice and palliative care programs in communities through out the United States; and

WHEREAS, professional and compassionate hospice staff and trained volunteers – including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides and clergy – provide comprehensive care making the wishes of each patient a priority, and

WHEREAS, family members and loved ones receive counseling and bereavement care to help cope with the many losses they face during the illness and with the grief they experience afterwards; and

WHEREAS, providing high quality hospice care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Bob Edwards, Mayor by virtue of authority vested in me by Payson, Gila County, Arizona, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 2006

AS

NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

HOSPICE CARE: IT'S ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE

And encourage citizens to increase their awareness of the importance and availability of hospice services and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Payson, Arizona, this 2nd day of November, 2006.

ATTEST:

Bob Edwards, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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