PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and,

WHEREAS: in Payson there many children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and,

WHEREAS: foster families, who open their homes and hearts and offer help to children whose families are in crises, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect and launching children into successful adulthood, and,

WHEREAS: dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families, and

WHEREAS: there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Edwards, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Payson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim:

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in Payson, and urge all members of this community to come forward and do something positive that will help change a lifetime for children and youth in foster care.

In witness thereto, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 3rd day of May, 2007.

ATTEST: Bob Edwards, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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