

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 **FOURTEENTH** year of operation on **October 25, 2007**; and,

WHEREAS, Time Out domestic violence emergency shelter served 173 women and children as residents, 16 women and their children in the transitional housing program, and an additional 252 individuals in our community from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. 2,873 hours of group education were provided, as well as 10,550 hours of crisis intervention, and 1,191 hours of case management. Services included safety planning, individual crisis counseling, educational groups, lay legal and community advocacy, community education, children/teens’ program, and ongoing follow-up programs, and in March 2007, Time Out opened its newest program, the Gila Family Advocacy Center, whose mission is to break the cycle of abuse through collaborative intervention with community partners; and,

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

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

OCTOBER 2007

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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 20th day of September, 2007.

F. Robert Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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