

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, giving freely to others is one of the noblest of human enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through multiple of community service organizations; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of the third week of April as International Volunteer Week, created in 1974 to recognize the efforts of dedicated community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of volunteers working in Payson utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, during this week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and,

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems; and

WHEREAS, our country's volunteer force of over 100 million people is a great treasure; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring, productive nation and town.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **BOB EDWARDS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA**, do hereby proclaim:

**April 27 – May 3, 2008**

**As**

**National Volunteer Week**

in Payson, and urge my fellow citizens to volunteer and "light the way" in our community. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.**

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Bob Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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