PROCLAMATION

Public parks and recreation systems are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for millions of residents in communities around the world through recreation programming, leisure activities and conservation efforts. Parks, recreation activities and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society; create lifelines and continuous life experiences for older members of the community; generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community; and, pay dividends to communities by attracting business and jobs and increasing housing values.

As we observe Recreation and Parks Month, we recognize the vital contributions of employees and volunteers in parks and recreation facilities. These dedicated supporters keep public parks clean and safe for visitors, organize youth activities, provide educational programming on health, nutrition, first aid and gardening, advocate for more open space and better trails, and fundraise for local improvements. They ensure that parks and recreation facilities are safe and accessible places for all citizens to enjoy.

THEREFORE, WITH THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION,
The **Town of Payson** does hereby proclaim:

THE MONTH OF JULY
AS
RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

We call upon park and recreation supporters to join us in recognizing the importance of our nation's parks and recreation facilities and to learn more about how to support the places that bring our communities a higher quality of life, safer places to play and healthy alternatives through recreation programming for everyone.

WE DO ALSO RESOLVE that during Recreation and Parks Month all citizens enjoy what their community has to offer by taking part in their favorite sports, visiting the outdoors, spending time with family and friends or just relaxing.

In witness thereto, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 19th day of June, 2008.

ATTEST:

Kenny Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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