

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 31, 1933, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed legislation creating the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to develop the country's infrastructure and bolster the economy in the midst of the Great Depression; and,

WHEREAS, the CCC put 3.5 million young men to work across the nation during its 9-year history (April 5, 1933-June 30, 1942) and established camps in all of the United States and its territories, including Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and,

WHEREAS, the men and boys of the CCC—Roosevelt's Tree Army—labored diligently across the nation to develop and conserve city, state and national parks, monuments and forests and to strengthen our country's infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the CCC in Arizona worked to enhance our national forests and streams and improve city, state and national parks and monuments by constructing fire towers and control roads, check dams, recreation trails, buildings, fences, telephone lines and soil erosion projects; and,

WHEREAS, in Arizona an average of 50 CCC camps employed more than 52,000 enrollees and camp supervisory staff and officers over the 9-year duration; and,

WHEREAS, in honor the 75th anniversary of the creation of the CCC, Governor Janet Napolitano declared March 31, 2008 Civilian Conservation Corps Recognition Day in the State of Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, there were numerous CCC camps located within a 50-mile radius of the Town of Payson, Arizona, including the Indian Gardens, East Verde, A-Cross, Hart Canyon, Sunflower and Pivot Rock camps;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Payson, together with the Northern Gila County Historical Society, wishes to commemorate and honor the significant contributions of the CCC and acknowledge the on-going significance of the CCC efforts and does hereby declare:

August 29, 2008

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Civilian Conservation Corps Appreciation Day

In witness thereto, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 2nd day of July, 2008.

ATTEST:

Kenny Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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