

# 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 **FIFTEENTH** year of operation on **October 25, 2008**; and,

**WHEREAS,** Time Out domestic violence emergency shelter served 163 women and children as residents, 23 women and their children in the transitional housing program, and an additional 264 individuals in our community from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. Bed nights numbered 11,111; 2,998 hours of group education were provided, and 2,007 hours of case management. Services also included safety planning, crisis counseling, lay legal and community advocacy, community education, children/teens’ program, and follow-up programs. Time Out’s newest program, the Gila Family Advocacy Center, conducted 39 forensic interviews with children alleging physical or sexual abuse, and provided comprehensive advocacy services to those children and their non-offending family members.

**WHEREAS,** Time Out will join the National and Arizona Coalitions 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, Kenny J. Evans, Mayor of the Town of Payson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim:**

**OCTOBER 2008**

**AS**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2008.

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Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk