

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United States in 2006, and fire departments in the United States responded to nearly 400,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, Payson's firefighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Fire Prevention Week theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week – Prevent Home Fires!" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenny J. Evans, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, do hereby proclaim:**

**OCTOBER 5-11, 2008**

**AS**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Throughout this town, and I urge all the people of Payson to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2008, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Payson's fire and emergency services.

**IN WITNESS THERETO**, I have hereunto 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.

ATTEST:

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Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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