

Mentoring Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, our community has a number of individuals – neighbors, teachers, community volunteers, police officers and so many others who support the mentoring movement and work selflessly to improve our children's odds for success.

WHEREAS, we all know these unsung heroes and can take a few moments to say thank you for supporting vulnerable children and helping them succeed in school, increasing the odds that they will avoid violence and other negative and criminal activities.

WHEREAS, Big Brothers and Big Sisters are an important part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters movement, where research has shown that children engaged in the one-to-one, professionally supported mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters are more likely to finish high school and less likely to begin using drugs and alcohol, skip school, or be involved in violence.

WHEREAS, in Payson, Arizona there are many young people, especially vulnerable children, who benefit from the mentoring movement.

WHEREAS, January has been designated as National Mentoring Month, where America calls on adults across the country to get involved with the mentoring movement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Kenny J. Evans, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, do hereby proclaim:

JANUARY 2009

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NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

In Payson, Arizona and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, religious and educational institutions to join the mentoring movement.

IN WITNESS THERETO, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 8th day of January, 2009.

ATTEST:

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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