PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: *The annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and*

WHEREAS: *VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds for this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans; and*

WHEREAS: *The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor The Dead by Helping the Living";*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNY J. EVANS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, do hereby proclaim:

May 22, 23, & 24, 2009
As
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in Payson, and do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies, and further urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the veterans of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, this 7th day of May 2009.

ATTEST:

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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