

# 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, Incorporated, will celebrate the anniversary of their **SIXTEENTH** year of operation on **October 25, 2009**; and,

**WHEREAS,** Time Out domestic violence shelter served 148 women and children as residents; 19 women and their children were served in the transitional housing program; and an additional 277 individuals in our community—including 25 men—who did not need emergency shelter, received essential services for the period, July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Bed nights totaled 10,182; 2,981 hours of empowering group education were provided, as well as 1,392 hours of case management. Services also included safety planning; crisis counseling; lay legal and community advocacy; community education, a children/teens’ program, and follow-up programs. Time Out’s newest program, the Gila Family Advocacy Center, conducted 41 forensic interviews with children alleging physical or sexual abuse, 5 physical exams for individuals alleging sexual assault and provided advocacy services to all clients 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 2009**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

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Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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