

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, roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries; 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 first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire

WHEREAS, the 2009 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned" 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 4-10, 2009

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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 2009, 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 24th day of September, 2009.

ATTEST:

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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