

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The **Library Friends of Payson, Inc.**, raises money that enables our Library to move from good to great – providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for programs such as the Summer Reading Program, and special events throughout the year;

Whereas, the work of the Friends highlights, on an ongoing basis, the fact that our Library is the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and to connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present;

Whereas, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded Libraries and serves as advocate to ensure that our Library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and special services to children, young adults, and adults;

Whereas, the Friends provide free **Homebound Library Services**, delivering books and other circulation items to homebound citizens, allowing them to reap the many benefits of our Library services;

Whereas, the Friends provide free mentoring to local youth offenders in conjunction with the Juvenile Court System, allowing them to 'Read' their way out of probation and assist in the journey to becoming productive and responsible members of society;

Whereas, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the Library sets the highest example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

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

OCTOBER 18-24, 2009

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FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

In Payson, Arizona, and urges everyone to join the Library Friends of Payson, Inc., and thank them for all they do to make our Library and community a place of excellence.

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IN WITNESS THERETO, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 22nd day of October, 2009.

ATTEST:

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk