

Mentoring Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, anyone can *Start Something* to make our nation stronger by supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters to help parents who team with the organization to put children on a path to success.

WHEREAS, our community has a number of people who are already champions for children – neighbors, teachers, community volunteers, police officers and so many others who support the mentoring movement and work selflessly to strengthen our communities by working with our families to improve our children's odds to achieve lifelong success.

WHEREAS, we can all pledge to *Start Something* in our local community by doing what works for us as individuals—from donating to sharing stories about what quality mentoring achieves—to volunteering.

WHEREAS, the support of each of us is an important part of the success of Big Brothers Big Sisters, where research shows that children engaged in the long-term, one-to-one, professionally supported mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters are more likely to finish high school and make healthy choices.

WHEREAS, in Payson, Arizona, there are many young people, in need of caring one-to-one attention, especially children facing homelessness, neglect, and all types of adversity, who benefit from the mentoring movement.

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

WHEREAS, Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters is the nation's premier mentoring organization and for more than 100 years has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life.

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

JANUARY 2011

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NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

In Payson, Arizona and encourage everyone to take the pledge to Start Something today at www.HelpArizonaYouth.org.

IN WITNESS THERETO, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 6th day of January, 2011.

ATTEST:

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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