

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 **EIGHTEENTH** year of operation on **October 25, 2011**; and,

WHEREAS, Time Out domestic violence shelter served 165 women and children as residents; 46 women and their children were served in the transitional housing program; and an additional 239 individuals in our community—including 21 men—who did not need emergency shelter, but received essential services for the period, July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. Bed nights of peace, safety, and hope totaled 9,296; 2,308 hours of empowering group education were provided, as well as 5,330 hours of supportive advocacy. Services also included safety planning; crisis counseling; lay legal and community advocacy; community education, a children/teens’ program, and follow-up programs. 146 volunteers with 16,444 service hours assisted 24 Time Out employees in accomplishing their mission of *helping individuals break the cycle of abuse in their lives.*

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 2011

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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 22nd day of September, 2011.

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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