PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, giving freely to others is one of the noblest of human enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through multiple of community service organizations; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th annual celebration of the third week of April as International Volunteer Week, created in 1974 to recognize the efforts of dedicated community volunteers; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of volunteers working in Payson utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, during this week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and,

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems; and

WHEREAS, our country's volunteer force of over 100 million people is a great treasure; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring, productive nation and town.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNY J. EVANS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, do hereby proclaim:

April 21st – 27th, 2013
As
National Volunteer Week

in Payson, and urge my fellow citizens to volunteer and "Celebrating People in Action" in our community. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion; and for this generation of Americans, will replace entitlement with a sense of empowerment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, this 18th day of April, 2013.

ATTEST:

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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