

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS* addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of the Town of Payson; and

*WHEREAS* mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being and mental health problems can affect all areas of a person's life, including school, home, and work; and

*WHEREAS* mental health problems will strike one in five adults each year regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status, and nearly 30,000 American lives are lost each year to suicide and mental illness; and

*WHEREAS* all Americans are vulnerable to chronic mental health problems associated with trauma and can benefit greatly from early identification and treatment and people can recover from mental illness and lead full, productive lives in the community; and

*WHEREAS* an estimated two-thirds of adults and young people with mental health problems go without the help they need and the cost of untreated and mistreated mental health and substance abuse problems to American businesses, governments, and families has grown to more than \$100 billion annually; and

*WHEREAS* each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization, and citizen bears the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kenny Evans, Mayor of the Town of Payson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of

**May, 2014**

as

**\*\*\*MENTAL HEALTH MONTH\*\*\***

*In Payson and call upon citizens to commit to increased awareness and understanding of mental health illness.*

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Kenny Evans, Mayor

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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