PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of children is paramount and families need financial means and stability to protect and assist their children; and

WHEREAS, providing resources to aid parents in succeeding can make a difference in helping to promote long-term security and enriching a child's life and will make our children stronger; and

WHEREAS, parents and/or caretakers, through a strong work ethic and personal responsibility can provide a stable foundation for life to children who are dependent upon them for their daily financial, emotional and physical growth; and

WHEREAS, collaborative community partnering with parents can assist in identifying valuable resources that may be necessary to achieve self-sufficiency, including employment, education, parenting time, health care, and other services, to obtain the best possible outcomes; and

WHEREAS, community partnerships can serve as a strong resource to families by providing constant family support and guidance, and give families the power to decide their children's future; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that education plays a critical role in improving Arizona's opportunities for growth and prosperity for parents as well as children and ensures children are well-equipped for school and achieve academic success at all levels; and

WHEREAS, enhanced occupational and literacy skills, enables parents to move competitive in the workforce, improves self-esteem, provides for better paying jobs and greater employment opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Security, Division of Child Support Services is committed to assisting parents in realizing their financial responsibilities, updating and maintain open, continuous, consumer-friendly communications, and engaging with parents and diverse family structures, to assist them towards greater self-sufficiency to attain the best results for Arizona's children.

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

Child Support Awareness Month

August 2014

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 31st day of July, 2014.

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Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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