

# **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS* behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

*WHEREAS* prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

*WHEREAS* preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

*WHEREAS* we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

*WHEREAS* in 2012, 2.5 million people aged 12 or older received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and 34.1 million adults aged 18 or older received mental health services, according to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

*WHEREAS* to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and Southwest Behavioral Health Services invite all residents of Payson, Arizona to participate in National Recovery Month.

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

**September, 2014**

as

**\*\*\*RECOVERY MONTH\*\*\***

In Payson and call upon citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support Recovery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona to be affixed this 4th day of August, 2014.

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Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Attest:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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