



# PROCLAMATION

## 2015 Year of Reading

WHEREAS, the citizens of Payson stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for careers of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Payson has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that an investment in early literacy is key to the community's well being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, "**Read On Northern Gila**" an early literacy collaborative with over 50 community partners that are focused on increasing grade level proficiency, promotes reading as the critical pillar in the education of our community's students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Payson Town Council calls on the citizens of the Northern Gila County area to commit to reading and or listening to their children, grandchildren daily to develop the skills for success in school and life;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses "**Read On Northern Gila**" and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities that ensure when Arizona's children read, Arizona's children thrive.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses "**Read On Northern Gila**" plans to embed literacy awareness activities into community events throughout the year to raise awareness around the importance of reading to the children success in school and in life.

ATTEST:

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Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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### Read On Arizona

*Read On Arizona is a public/private collaboration committed to building an early literacy system that improves language and literacy outcomes for Arizona's children from birth through age eight—delivering the right program at the right time to every child. For more information, visit [www.ReadOnArizona.org](http://www.ReadOnArizona.org).*

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