

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,755 people in the United States in 2013, according to the National Fire Protection Association(NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 369,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do to it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep; and

WHEREAS, Payson's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Payson's residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf and hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, Payson's firefighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Payson's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

**Now, THEREFORE, I, Kenny J. Evans Mayor of the Town of Payson, Arizona do hereby proclaim:**

**October 4-10, 2015**

**As**

**Fire Prevention Week**

Throughout this Town, and I urge all the people of Payson to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2015, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Payson's fire and emergency services.

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**IN WITNESS THERETO, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015.**

**ATTEST:**

**Kenny J. Evans, Mayor**

**Silvia Smith, Town Clerk**