PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Payson Chapter Group of Amnesty International has been established to support the global movement of people from across the world standing up for humanity and human rights, to protect people wherever justice, freedom, truth and dignity are denied, and

WHEREAS, December 10th will mark the 68th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations in 1948; and global citizens join together annually during the month of December to protect and defend fundamental human rights;

WHEREAS, Amnesty International is celebrating 55 years of investigating and exposing abuses, educating and mobilizing the public, and helping transform societies to create a safer, more just world. Amnesty International received the Nobel Peace Prize for this life-saving work in 1977. With more than 7 million supporters, activists and volunteers in over 150 countries, and complete independence from government, corporate or national interests, Amnesty International works to protect human rights worldwide. The vision is of a world in which every person - regardless of race, religion, gender, or ethnicity - enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards.

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes that the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. It is held that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;

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

DECEMBER 2016
AS
HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS MONTH

in Payson, and urge all citizens to educate themselves and others about human rights to create a just, free society.

IN WITNESS THERETO, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 17th day of November, 2016.

ATTEST:

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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