

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, young people will be the stewards of our communities, nation and world in critical times, and the present and future well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good character; and

WHEREAS, concerns about the character training of children have taken on a new sense of urgency as violence by and against youth threatens the physical and psychological well-being of the nations; and

WHEREAS, more than ever, children need strong and constructive guidance from their families and their communities, including schools, youth organizations, religious institutions and civic groups; and

WHEREAS, scholars and educators agree that people do not automatically develop good character and, therefore, conscientious efforts must be made to youth-influencing institutions and individuals to help young people develop the essential traits and characteristics that comprise good character; and

WHEREAS, the Payson Unified School District is actively participating in the Character Counts program; and

WHEREAS, Rim Country Character Counts will join the nation in celebrating Character Counts Week, October 20 – 26, and will continue this tradition annually; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Payson stand firmly committed to promoting Character Counts by teaching, enforcing, advocating and modeling the “Six Pillars of Character” as a Community.

**Now, therefore, I, Bob Edwards, Mayor of the Town of Payson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim:**

**OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**AS**  
**CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK**  
**AND**  
**PAYSON AS A COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER**

And urge all citizens in our community to support in the promotion of Character Counts by seeking out opportunities to emphasize these core ethical values in their work with young people in park and recreation activities, child-care programs, community events, and intern and employee training and I encourage all citizens, corporate and individual, to model these traits of character in an ongoing commitment to promote character development and ethical behavior in the youth of our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

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Bob Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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