PROCLAMATION

Whereas: The First Ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, were ratified on December 15, 1791; and

Whereas: The Bill of Rights recognizes, affirms and protects fundamental human and civil rights for which persons of all races have struggled for thousands of years; and

Whereas: To preserve the rights and freedoms secured by the Bill of Rights, our Forefathers, and hundreds of thousands of men and women serving in the police agencies and Armed Forces of the United States, have sacrificed, suffered and died; and

Whereas: Several of the original States refused to ratify the Constitution without an express Bill of Rights; and

Whereas: The rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights deserve perennial celebrations; and those sacrifices made to protect the Bill of Rights deserve eternal remembrance all over America, including Payson, Arizona, United States of America.

RESOLVED: That on Friday, December 14th, 2007, the Town of Payson, Arizona, encourages the Bill of Rights to be read in its entirety in all public schools and in all government meetings and courtrooms convening that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I BOB EDWARDS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, do hereby proclaim:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2007

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BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

In Payson, and urge that all citizens take a few minutes on this day to reflect on the value of the Bill of rights to our way of life. In particular I urge all those instructing our children in any capacity; to tell them of the details and the value of the Bill of Rights, and the cost of protecting it and the rights it acknowledges and protects during the history of our great country.

IN WITNESS THERETO, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, this 13th day of December 2007.

ATTEST:

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Bob Edwards, Mayor

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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