

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 2,500 people in the United States in 2009, and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 360,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking, heating and electrical equipment and smoking materials are the leading causes of home fires, and associated deaths and injuries; and

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

WHEREAS, automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying in a home fire by 80%; 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 2011 Fire Prevention Week theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

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

October 9-15, 2011

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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 2011, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Payson's fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS THERETO, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona to be affixed this 6th day of October, 2011.

ATTEST:

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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