PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Amateur Radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

Whereas, Amateur Radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas; and

Whereas, Amateur Radio Operators have also provided countless hours of community services both in emergencies and to other local organizations throughout these decades; and

Whereas, these Amateur Radio's services are provided wholly uncompensated; and

Whereas, the State also recognizes the services Amateur Radio's people also provide to our many Emergency Response organizations, including Payson Regional Medical Center and Local government served agencies; and

Whereas, these same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events; and

Whereas, the Arizona Town of Payson recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the US Government Weather Bureau; and

Whereas, Amateur Radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Sandy in the USA and in the Tsunami catastrophe overseas; and

Whereas, the ARRL is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the USA; and

Whereas, the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 22-23, 2013 and is a 24 hour emergency preparedness exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications without further infrastructure being required; now

Therefore, I Kenny J. Evans, Mayor of the Town of Payson Arizona, do hereby officially recognize and designate

JUNE 17-23, 2013
AS
AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

IN WITNESS THERETO, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, to be affixed this 20th day of June, 2013.

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Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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