PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: since European colonists first set foot on the shores of the New World it has been a standing tradition in our nation as well as in states and jurisdictions therein, to enjoy feasts and to humbly implore the mercies of Heaven and to offer prayers of Thanksgiving at this time of year for the generous blessings received; AND,

WHEREAS: remembering and acknowledging proclamations of past Presidents such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, John Kennedy, and others imploring the citizens of this Nation to offer sincere thanks for our bountiful blessings and to seek continued Divine help; AND,

WHEREAS: as recently as this past year President Barack Obama announced to a nation in turmoil, "Let us spend this day by lifting up those we love, mindful of the grace bestowed upon us by God and by all who have made our lives richer with their presence" AND,

WHEREAS: the challenges faced by us as a nation and as a people remain grave, threatening the very foundations of our families, our communities and even our Republic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNY J. EVANS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, do hereby proclaim:

THE WEEK of NOVEMBER 23rd to 30th, 2013
AS
A TIME OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

For all people of the Town of Payson, and further call upon our citizens to remember the true purpose of the Thanksgiving Holiday. May we while enjoying our plentiful meals and loved ones gathered, turn our hearts to the poor and needy in our neighborhoods and community and bear in mind that what we do speaks louder than what we say. With the perplexities of world and national affairs and the challenges and obstacles experienced by our own people publicly and privately, let us remember to once again beseech the Benevolent Hand of Providence to provide justice and wisdom to our leaders, to give courage and safety to our defenders and protectors, to give faith and hope and encouragement to our citizens, in order that through our charitable acts of mercy we and our posterity may continue to enjoy the blessings of Heaven.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona, this 21st day of November, 2013.

ATTEST:

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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