PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the safety and security of those living in and visiting the Town of Payson is one of our highest and most enduring priorities; and

WHEREAS, damaging wildfires pose a significant and growing threat to the economic and social well-being and environment of Rim Country, and

WHEREAS: uncontrolled and poorly managed forest growth has elevated the need for wildfire prevention in the surrounding forest, the community and with individual homeowner, and

WHEREAS, residents living in or visiting Arizona's Forests need to accept responsibility for their actions in our high fire-hazard areas; and

WHEREAS, residents must change from an expectation of being protected from wildfire to an understanding that we must prepare to survive a wildfire; and

WHEREAS: to do so we must acquire the knowledge and skills to prepare our homes and property to minimize wildfire risks and to teach citizens how to live safely in an increasingly hazardous wildfire environment, and

WHEREAS, the tools for preventing wildfires and protecting against them when they do occur already exists; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that we educate, communicate and enlist the support of individuals, property and homeowners within our community.

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

June 2014

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WILDFIRE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

Throughout Payson, and I urge all people to protect their homes and families by taking prudent steps now to minimize the threat of wildfires to their property and by developing and implementing a family emergency plan and by heeding important safety messages.

IN WITNESS THERETO, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Payson, Arizona to be affixed this 5th day of June, 2014.

ATTEST:

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Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

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