

# **PROCLAMATION**

*The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., The names of 273 officers killed in the line of duty are being added this spring, including 117 officers killed in 2014 and 156 officers killed in previous years:*

**WHEREAS:** *The members of the Law Enforcement Community in Payson play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the Town of Payson; and*

**WHEREAS:** *It is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agencies, and that members of our law enforcement agencies in the Payson area recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The men and women of the Payson Area Law Enforcement Agencies unceasingly provide a vital public service;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNY J. EVANS MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, call upon all citizens of Payson and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of**

***May 15 - 21, 2016***

***As***

***POLICE WEEK***

*With appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.*

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