PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first official flag of the United States was adopted by an act of Congress dated June 14, 1777; and

WHEREAS, June 14 was designated National Flag Day by an act of Congress dated August 3, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Congress has requested an annual presidential proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1982, the National Flag Day Foundation was chartered to conduct educational programs and to encourage all Americans to pause for the Pledge of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day celebrates America's symbol of unity, a democracy in a republic, and stands for our country's devotion to freedom, to the rule of all, and to the equal rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor of the City of Benson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2016 as

"FLAG DAY"

in Benson, Arizona, and do urge all citizens to pause for the Pledge at 7:00 p.m.(EDT) to recite along with all Americans the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Benson, Arizona, on this 13th day of June, 2016.

TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk