PROCLAMATION

Whereas, National Guard and Reserve forces comprise nearly half of our nation's military strength, and are essential to America's national security. Reserve Component forces stand ready to answer the call to serve, whether serving alongside active duty counterparts all across the globe or responding to humanitarian crises at home and abroad; and

Whereas, employers provide critical support to members of the National Guard and Reserve; allowing Citizen Warriors to serve whenever the Nation calls, often foregoing financial gain and making sacrifices in the process; and

Whereas, employer support is stronger than ever, more than 41 years after President Richard Nixon authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); and

Whereas, our nation is in debt to the Citizen Warriors departing the comforts of home to ensure our freedoms remain intact. Likewise, America pays special tribute to the commitment of dedicated and supportive employers who continue to make service in the Reserve Components possible; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor of the City of Benson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 22 – 28 as

"National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve week"

in Benson, Arizona, and do urge all citizens to show appreciation to those serving in the Guard or the Reserves for our Country.

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 9th day of September, 2013.

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Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk

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