PROCLAMATION

Whereas, our City's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound, and;

Whereas, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;

Whereas, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes, and;

Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings, and;

Whereas, "Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks" *the theme for Building Safety Month 2014, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, backyard safety; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2014 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and,*

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor of the City of Benson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2014, as

"BUILDING SAFETY MONTH"

and encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

PROCLAIMED this 28th day of April, 2014.

CITY OF BENSON CORPORATE SEAL

ATTEST:

Vicki L Vivian

VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

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WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers;

WHEREAS, millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle;

WHEREAS, a nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war;

WHEREAS, the red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower;

THEREFORE, I, TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor of the City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona, do hereby proclaim this 9th day of May, 2014, as

"BENSON POPPY DAY"

And ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona, this 28th day of April, 2014.

TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

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