# *PROCLAMATION*

## ***Cochise College – 50th Anniversary***

WHEREAS, *it is with great joy and honor that the City of Benson community celebrates Cochise College's 50th anniversary.*

WHEREAS, *Cochise College was established in 1961 by a vote of Cochise County citizens and opened its doors to students on Sept. 21, 1964, as one of the first community colleges in Arizona; and*

WHEREAS, *with the opening of Cochise College, higher education became accessible and brought new hope and opportunity to the people of Cochise County during a time of profound social change; and*

WHEREAS, *over the course of half a century, Cochise College has served as a resource for local employers and a catalyst for economic mobility by awarding thousands of degrees and certificates to students in Cochise County and beyond, as well as by helping individuals improve their skills or prepare for advanced degrees; and*

WHEREAS, *the level of education of Cochise County citizens is reflected in its quality of life; and*

WHEREAS, *Cochise College, through the unwavering commitment of its Governing Board, administration, faculty and staff, has maintained the student-centered focus so often identified by alumni as the quality that most memorably defines their community college experience; and*

WHEREAS, *this year, Cochise College celebrates five decades of providing accessible educational opportunities that are responsive to a diverse population and lead to constructive citizenship, meaningful careers, and lifelong learning;*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor of Benson, and the citizens of Benson, Arizona do hereby commend Cochise College for remaining both a top local employer and a center of knowledge and ideas where student success and completion are top priorities; and we proudly join in celebrating its 50th anniversary.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Benson, Arizona to be affixed, this 25th day of August, 2014.*

CITY OF BENSON
CORPORATE
SEAL
COCHISE CO., ARIZ.

*TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor*

*ATTEST:*

*VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk*

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