PROCLAMATION

EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK

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 42 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 declare September 22 – 26 National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve week.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk