PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1920 the US ARMY executed a motor convoy of various military vehicles across the country on the newly-formed Bankhead Highway to further understand the practicality of motorized transport and its place in the US Army. The convoy was commanded by Col. John F. Franklin; and

WHEREAS, the 1920 route began at the White House, in Washington, DC and ended at Balboa Park, in San Diego, CA – some 3,300 miles and 116 days later; and

WHEREAS, the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) is conducting a 95th Anniversary Convoy that will retrace the original 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy route along the Bankhead Highway, with as many as 65 Historic Military Vehicles (HMVs) Historic Military Vehicles ranging from WWI-era to those just released from the US Armed Forces inventories and will include privately-owned motorcycles, jeeps and large cargo trucks, showcasing America's Historic Military Vehicles of many types; and

WHEREAS, the MVPA 2015 Bankhead Highway Historic Military Vehicle Convoy launched from Washington, DC on Saturday, September 19, 2015 and will arrive in San Diego, CA some 29 days later, on Saturday, October 17, 2015 after stopping in Benson, AZ on October 13, 2015 at noon for approximately 1 hour; and

WHEREAS, This 3,300 mile / 29 day Convoy represents America's longest Veterans' parade, honoring the service and sacrifice of Veterans of all generations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Toney D. King, Sr. Mayor of the City of Benson, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2015 as

"Military Vehicle Preservation Association Convoy Day"

and urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to meet the convoy as it rolls across the Nation, to experience and appreciate this essential component of our rich military heritage and to acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make this convoy possible.

TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk