PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Benson, Arizona in the Benson Unified School District, stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, our schools and libraries have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, important events like "Love of Reading Month" promote children's literacy and the love of reading by communicating to all age groups that reading is fun, exciting and essential; and

WHEREAS, communitywide engagement in programs and activities are needed in order to make our children the best readers in the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor of the City of Benson, do hereby proclaim February, 2016 as

"LOVE OF READING MONTH"

throughout Benson and encourage all citizens, young and old, to celebrate and encourage the practice and joy of reading.

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 25th day of January, 2016.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

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