



## PROCLAMATION

### *Jazz Appreciation Month - April 2011*



*Whereas, jazz is an indigenous American art form born in the late 1800s in New Orleans, steeped in the rhythms of African culture and fused with the harmony of Western European culture; and*

*Whereas, the U.S. Congress has declared jazz "a rare and valuable treasure;" and*

*Whereas, the Smithsonian Institution, which regards jazz as the most significant musical culture to emerge in the United States, has launched a month-long celebration of jazz to be held annually in April; and*

*Whereas, the purpose of the annual celebration will be three-fold:*

- *To draw greater public attention to the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz;*
- *To stimulate the current jazz scene, and*
- *To encourage people of all ages to participate in jazz, by studying the music, attending concerts, listening to jazz on radio and recordings, reading books about jazz, and supporting institutional jazz programs; and*

*Whereas, April was chosen as the celebration month so that schools could participate and because it is the birth month of a number of leading figures in jazz: Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Bessie Smith, Johnny Dodds, Billie Holiday, Charles Mingus, Lionel Hampton, Gerry Mulligan, Shorty Rogers, Tito Puente, and Herbie Hancock;*

*Now, Therefore, I, Jim Bunker, Mayor of the Town of Chino Valley, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as Jazz Month in Chino Valley, Arizona, and urge all of our citizens to recognize and honor the contributions jazz has made to the lives of all Americans.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Chino Valley to be affixed this 22nd day of March 2011.*

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Jim Bunker, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk