



PROCLAMATION

Youth Mentoring Month - January 2018

Whereas, volunteerism dropped to a ten-year low in 2014 to 25.4 percent of the total population (US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015); and

Whereas, 1 in 3 young people will grow up without having a mentor (National Mentor Partnership 2017); and

Whereas, 38% of children in Arizona and 35% of children in the United States are living in Single-Parent Households (United States Census Bureau, 2016); Arizona ranked 44th in the United States in 2016 for overall poverty rate, and 43rd in the nation for amount of children living in poverty (United States Census Bureau, 2017); and

Whereas, youth mentorship can lead to higher graduation rates, improved behavior, boosted self-esteem, and a decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use (youth.gov); and

Whereas, health benefits of mentoring have been proven.; and adults who regularly serve others or a larger cause are more likely to have lower blood pressure and longer lifespan (This Is How We Rise by Claudia Chan); and

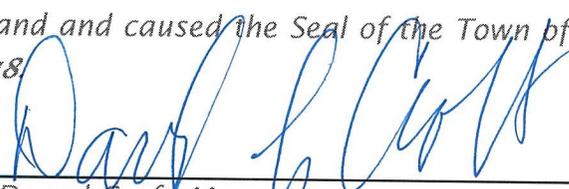
Whereas, people who volunteer tend to have higher self-esteem, psychological well-being, and overall happiness (U.S. News, 2012); and participants feel a sense of fulfillment and a stronger connection to their community when they become a volunteer. (Points of Light Institute, 2011); and

Whereas, vulnerable youth who have been mentored are 90% more likely to become mentors in the future than those who have not (National Mentor Partnership); and

Whereas, residents are encouraged to take advantage of the many youth mentoring organizations available in order to create shared opportunities for learning and growth; and

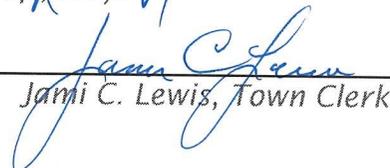
Now, Therefore, I, Darryl Croft, Mayor of the Town of Chino Valley, in partnership with Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters and APS, do hereby proclaim *January 2018* as *Youth Mentoring Month* in Chino Valley, Arizona, and for the good of the community, urge our citizens to seek mentoring opportunities to enhance the lives of our area youth, which will ultimately build a stronger community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Chino Valley to be affixed this *9th* day of *January*, 2018.



Darryl Croft, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk