



GRANDFAMILY/KINSHIP CARE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2016

WHEREAS, This year during the month of September, Grandfamily/Kinship Care Month is observed, the Town of Camp Verde is proud to recognize the children and their grandparents and other relatives who raise them in kinship care and who ensure their safety, promote their well-being and establish a stable household for these young people to thrive, and

WHEREAS, nationally 2.7 million children are living with grandparents and other relatives in kinship care of which over 104,715 caregivers reside in Arizona, and

WHEREAS, relationships with family are crucial for children, it is our responsibility to promote and preserve kinship, sibling, and other familial connections for children in Arizona, and

WHEREAS, Arizonians join to honor famous kinship caregivers such as President George Washington, as well those grandparents and relatives residing in urban, rural suburban households in every county of Arizona who 'famously' step forward out of love and loyalty to care for relatives when the child's biological parents are no longer able to do so, and

WHEREAS, Arizonians join to honor famous youth who were raised in kinship care such as Maya Angelou, Sandra Day O'Conner, and Barack Obama as well as those children residing in urban, rural and suburban households in every county of Arizona who through the unconditional support of grandparents and other relatives, have successfully addressed the emotional trauma of losing their parents, and

WHEREAS, nationally Grandfamilies/Kinship Caregivers save tax payers more than 6.5 billion dollars a year, and

WHEREAS, one in eleven of all children will live within a kinship family sometime during their childhood, kinship care provides the best opportunity to retain the child's cultural heritage and community ties.

NOW THEREFORE, The Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde do hereby proclaim September 2016 to be Grandfamily/Kinship Care Month in the Town of Camp Verde.

Issued this 7th day of September 2016

Charles German, Mayor

Attest:

Virginia Jones-Town Clerk