

## AGENDA

CONVENING OF THE COTTONWOOD MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD FOR PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES, TO BE HELD AT 5:30 PM, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

### I. PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAIMING SUPPORT OF THE STATEWIDE ATTAINMENT GOAL OF 60 PERCENT (HIGHER EDUCATION) BY 2020 AND SUPPORTS THE USE OF THE ARIZONA EDUCATION PROGRESS METER AS THE TOOL TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD THE ATTAINMENT GOAL.

PROCLAIMING MAY 20, 2017 AS KIDS TO PARKS DAY.

PROCLAIMING MAY AS BICYCLE AWARENESS MONTH & THE WEEK OF MAY 15-19, 2017, AS BIKE-TO-WORK WEEK.



## **P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, the Cottonwood City Council recognizes education must be made a top priority in our communities to ensure a strong economic future and higher quality of life for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cottonwood City Council understands that future economy and workforce demands will require more than a high school diploma and only 42 percent of Arizona adults currently possess a degree, certificate or industry credential; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cottonwood City Council recognizes the need to improve educational attainment across the state and in our local communities and supports the statewide attainment goal of 60 percent by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, Expect More Arizona and the Center for the Future of Arizona, statewide nonpartisan organizations, have launched an Arizona Education Progress Meter by which the progress on attainment and other key education indicators can be measured

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Tim Elinski, Mayor of the City of Cottonwood, do hereby proclaim the Cottonwood City Council supports the statewide attainment goal of 60 percent by 2020, supports the use of the Arizona Education Progress Meter as the tool to make progress toward the attainment goal by tracking the priority indicators for our local communities and affirms the City's status as World Class Education Partner with Expect More AZ and the Center for the Future of AZ in order to advance this shared vision for education.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2017.

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Tim Elinski, Mayor



## P R O C L A M A T I O N

**Whereas,** May 20, 2017, is the seventh Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

**Whereas,** Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

**Whereas,** it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in Park attendance over the last decades; and

**Whereas,** we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and

**Whereas,** Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Tim Elinski, Mayor, hereby proclaim to participate in Kids to Parks Day and urge residents of the City of Cottonwood to make time May 20, 2017, to take children in their lives to a neighborhood, state, or national park.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona, this 4th day of April 2017.

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Tim Elinski, Mayor



## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas,** for more than a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of most Americans; and

**Whereas,** today, Americans are turning to the bicycle more than ever before as a means of becoming a part the solution in our nation's quest to better our citizens' health, improve our environmental quality, and promote our energy independence, and do overwhelmingly support improving our quality of life and providing quality recreational opportunities for our families and our visitors; and

**Whereas,** the League of American Bicyclists and its chapters have declared May as Bike Month since 1956; and

**Whereas,** the City of Cottonwood Bicycle Advisory Committee, our valley's chapter of the League, and independent cyclists throughout Arizona are calling for greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities and to increase enjoyment for all,

**Now, therefore,** I, Tim Elinski, Mayor of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as **Bicycle Awareness Month** and the week of May 15th-19th to be **Bike-To-Work Week** throughout all of Cottonwood; and urge all residents, schools, city departments, and civic groups to support bicycling; and for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists to work together to share our streets, roads and trails.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Cottonwood, Arizona, this 2nd day of May 2017.

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Tim Elinski, Mayor