



PROCLAMATION

Charitable Tax Credit Giving Month November 2016



Whereas, the State of Arizona tax credit program enables taxpayers to contribute \$400 for a single taxpayer and \$800 for taxpayers filing a joint tax return, and receive a dollar for dollar tax credit on their Arizona tax bill; and

Whereas, the full amount can be given to a qualified charitable organization of their choice AND a school of their choice. The taxpayers can use their tax dollars to express their beliefs and values by supporting a charity that does the work they hold dear; and

Whereas, Employers are urged to adopt the option to allow employees to contribute to a Qualifying Charitable Organization from state withholding- thereby not reducing take home pay; and

Whereas, Employees are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to contribute to a qualifying Charitable Organization from their state tax withholding- without reducing take home pay.

Whereas, by donating to a qualified charitable organization and a school, taxpayers are in effect, given the opportunity to choose how to use a portion of their tax dollars; and

Whereas, taxpayers no longer need to itemize in order to participate in the Arizona Tax Credit Program. A donation that qualifies for a state tax credit is also fully deductible on a Federal tax return, reducing the Federal tax liability; and

Whereas, the Arizona Tax Credit Program is a way of keeping our tax money in this community. Keeping tax dollars local through the charitable giving tax credit builds a stronger and better community at no cost to the donors.

Now, Therefore, I, Chris Marley, Mayor of the Town of Chino Valley, in partnership with Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters, do hereby proclaim **November 2016** as **Charitable Tax Credit Giving Month**, and urge all of our citizens to recognize this observance and, for the good of the community, urge residents to keep their money local by making a donation to a qualified local charity and school.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Chino Valley to be affixed this **25th** day of **October 2016**.

Chris Marley, Mayor

ATTEST: Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk