



# PROCLAMATION

## *In Support Of Yavapai Promise*



*Whereas, studies have shown that people with an Associate's Degree earn \$360,000 more on average during their career than people with a high school diploma; and*

*Whereas, people with Associate Degrees strengthen our tax base by contributing an average of \$100,000 more to the tax rolls than people with high school diplomas; and*

*Whereas, a well-educated workforce helps attract and retain businesses because 64% of jobs require a college certificate or degree; and*

*Whereas, people with a college degree are less likely to take advantage of various tax-funded services ranging from unemployment and TANF to food stamps or incarceration; and*

*Whereas, more than 200 other communities have already established College Promise scholarship programs, infusing millions of dollars of federal grants into their communities; and*

*Whereas, Town of Chino Valley desires to create a college-going culture within Yavapai County for the aforementioned reasons;*

*Now, Therefore, I, Darryl Croft, Mayor of the Town of Chino Valley, do hereby proclaim that the Town of Chino Valley supports the Yavapai Promise program of Yavapai College, which is a promise to make earning a college degree tuition-free for the graduating high school and GED class 2019 who complete a degree within two years (7 consecutive semesters) at Yavapai College.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Chino Valley to be affixed this 11th day of June, 2019.*

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Darryl L. Croft, Mayor

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ATTEST: Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk