



PROCLAMATION

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Volunteer Week

Whereas, Arizona's children are among our state's most precious resources, their health, safety, and well-being are fundamental to the state, sharing the same basic needs, desires, hopes, and dreams of every child; and

Whereas, each year, thousands of Arizona children enter the child welfare system due to abuse or neglect; experiencing uncertainty, instability, and a lack of consistent support during a challenging time in their young lives; and

Whereas, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained volunteer, appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interests of children living in foster care, ensuring their voices are heard and their needs are met in court proceedings, placement decisions, and other critical areas; and

Whereas, CASA volunteers provide an invaluable service; build trusted relationships with their appointed youth, advocate for stability, promote positive outcomes, and help the child hold on to their own dreams and thrive; and

Whereas, in Arizona, CASA volunteers work diligently in partnership with judges, attorneys, social workers, and community partners to ensure these children have support, resources, and opportunities, now and in the future; and the work of CASA volunteers has a profound and lasting impact on the lives of vulnerable children, providing them with a consistent, compassionate presence to help restore a more hopeful future; and

Whereas, CASA Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the dedication of CASA volunteers, raise awareness about the urgent need for more individuals to step forward, and make a difference in the lives of children in foster care.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mike Pineda, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the week of April 5 – 11, 2025, as CASA Volunteer Week and applaud the extraordinary contributions of CASA volunteers.

Proclaimed this 7th day of April 2025.

Attest:



Mayor



City Clerk