

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, the health, safety, and well-being of Arizona's children are fundamental to the prosperity of our communities and future of our state; and*

***WHEREAS**, each year, thousands of Arizona children enter the child welfare system due to reports of 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 a child 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 by building trusted relationships with their appointed youth, advocating for timely permanency and stability, promoting more positive outcomes, and helping children pursue their dreams and lead self-determined lives; 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*


***WHEREAS**, 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 in Paradise Valley to step forward, and make a difference in the lives of children in foster care.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Stanton, Mayor of the Town of Paradise Valley, do hereby proclaim April 6 – 12, 2026, as **CASA VOLUNTEER WEEK**, and I encourage all residents of the Town to learn more about the CASA volunteer program, applaud the extraordinary contributions of CASA volunteers, and consider becoming CASA volunteers themselves.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Town of Paradise Valley this 9th day April, 2026.*





Mark Stanton, Mayor

Attest:



Duncan Miller, Town Clerk