

## TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS PROCLAMATION

*Whereas*, play is a crucial factor in the overall well-being of children, and

*Whereas*, playspaces and playgrounds within walking distance of children's homes are missing from many communities and neighborhoods, and

*Whereas*, unstructured, unplanned, spontaneous, and self-motivated play is on the decline, and

*Whereas*, fewer children spend time outside at parks and playgrounds, and

*Whereas*, recess is being shortened or removed from school curriculums, and

*Whereas*, children who play are healthier and suffer less obesity and obesity-related health problems such as diabetes and heart disease, and

*Whereas*, children who play do better in school and develop cognitive skills that are linked to learning and academic performance, and

*Whereas*, children who play learn the social skills that help them become happy and well-adjusted adults, and

*Whereas*, parents, schools, child care centers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, churches, synagogues, mosques, and all interested parties wish to raise this community's children to become healthy, happy, and successful adults,

*Now, therefore*, I, Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor of the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2012 as "**Play Day**" in the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Play Day and support efforts to build and maintain playspaces and playgrounds in their communities and neighborhoods. Further, I urge all citizens to continue to support and maintain playspaces and playgrounds for the well-being of this and future generations.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Fountain Hills, Maricopa County, Arizona this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.



  
Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor

Attest:

  
Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk