

# Maricopa County

## PROCLAMATION

### FOUNTAIN HILLS SISTER CITIES

- WHEREAS**, The Sister City movement became a national effort when President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed the People-to-People program at a White House conference in 1956; and
- WHEREAS**, Today, over 2,000 U.S. cities in all 50 states are linked with over 1,800 foreign cities in 123 different countries; and
- WHEREAS**, For 60 years, the Sister Cities program has broadened its areas of focus from educational and cultural exchanges to also include technical assistance, trade, and economic development; and
- WHEREAS**, These invaluable partnerships offer a forum for fostering and encouraging mutual understanding, friendship and peace through cultural, social, educational, and economic exchanges; and
- WHEREAS**, the Town of Fountain Hills has four sister cities – Ataco, El Salvador; Deirdorf, Germany; Kasterlee, Belgium; and Zamosc, Poland; and
- WHEREAS**, the Fountain Hills Sister Cities Corporation and the Town of Fountain Hills have participated in civic activities, cultural and student exchanges, and international public works projects with its sister cities; and
- WHEREAS**, the Fountain Hills Sister Cities Program has received numerous awards including a Best Overall Program Award from Sister Cities International; and
- WHEREAS**, the 2016 Annual Sister Cities State Convention will be hosted in the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, on May 21, 2016;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Steve Chucri, Supervisor, District 2 of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May, 2016, as Sister Cities Month.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016



  
Steve Chucri, Supervisor, District 2  
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board