

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,

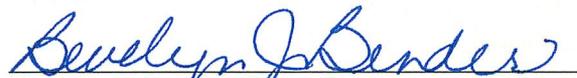
Now, therefore, I, Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor of the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2016 as "**Play Day**" in the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, and I urge all Town citizens to celebrate Play Day and support efforts to build and maintain playspaces and playgrounds in our community and neighborhoods 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 22nd day of March, 2016.




Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor

Attest:


Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk