

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the *Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life* movement presents an ideal opportunity to help bridge the gap between our local community, government, and law enforcement in a positive way; and

WHEREAS, our local schools are facing unnecessary tragedies where warning signs are placed on social media or observed in person, but are not being reported as serious threats or cries for help; and

WHEREAS, our youth need to be empowered to report concerning posts or comments to law enforcement or school representatives, and to help spread the message that it is okay to care enough to speak up, stand up and save a life; and

WHEREAS, the Text-a-Tip program in Fountain Hills enables our youth and citizens to contact authorities when there is concern about another's safety; and

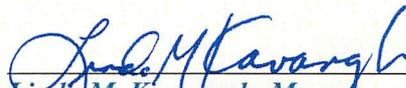
WHEREAS, more than 3,000 students from 300 Arizona schools will learn the message and create communication programs in their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, Arizona schools, students, parents, educators, police departments, and community organizations are encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

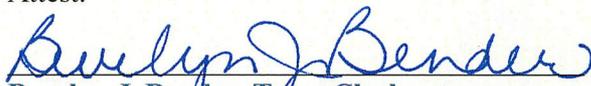
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor of Fountain Hills, do hereby proclaim January 2018 as *SPEAK UP, STAND UP, SAVE A LIFE MONTH* and ask all Fountain Hills residents to join me in encouraging youth to take action when their peers are in need and partnering with local leaders in simple, life-changing interventions.

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 19th day of December, 2017.




Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor

Attest:


Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk