

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Disability is a natural part of the human experience, affecting more than 20% City of Surprise children and adults; and

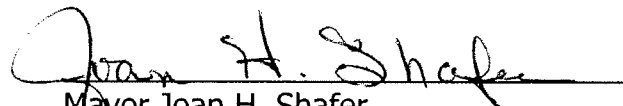
WHEREAS: People with disabilities have many skills, talents and abilities to contribute to this community; and

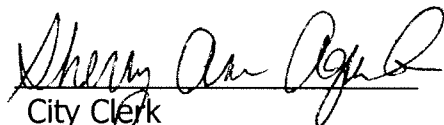
WHEREAS: Public attitudes are the biggest barrier to full community participation and inclusion of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The use of respectful language promotes acceptance and understanding of people with disabilities and decreases prejudice and misunderstanding,

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Joan H. Shafer, Mayor of the City of Surprise, Arizona, hereby proclaim and announce that all Surprise residents and public officials are strongly encouraged to use respectful language that recognizes the human worth and contributions of individuals with disabilities, by using "Person First Language" that places a person before a disability, now and in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on behalf of the City of Surprise, Arizona to be affixed this Fourteenth Day of June, 2007.


Mayor Joan H. Shafer

Attest: 
City Clerk