

## Mayor Christian Price

**Whereas,** change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

**Whereas,** community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

**Whereas,** community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

**Whereas,** the full benefit of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

**Whereas,** the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

**Whereas,** The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our settlements and environment; and

**Whereas,** the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the City of Maricopa; and

**Whereas,** we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of the City of Maricopa and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals; and

**Whereas,** in an effort to provide long-term guidelines for growth, **Planning Maricopa: Shaping Our Community, the 2016 City of Maricopa General Plan Update**, was adopted by City Council in May of 2016 and was voted on by the citizens of Maricopa in the general election of November 2016; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Christian Price, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2017, as **COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH** in the City of Maricopa in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017

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Christian Price, Mayor