

Mayor Nancy Smith

Whereas, National Volunteer Week has been observed annually since 1974 and recognizes the spirit of volunteerism, community participation and working together to make a difference; and

Whereas, the City of Maricopa wishes to recognize its own Public Safety volunteers who help to make it one of the safest cities in Arizona: The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Fire Corps and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); and

Whereas, in 2023, less than 100 volunteers in these three departments combined, contributed to over 15,100 hours to promote public safety in the City of Maricopa. This is an equivalent of seven (7) full-time employees, saving the City of Maricopa more than \$465,000; and

Whereas, it is fitting to honor and recognize these volunteers who give freely of their time and talents and ask for nothing in return beyond the support of the city and the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, in appreciation and gratitude, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27th 2024 as **Volunteer Appreciation Week**. Our city will proudly shine a light on the people that inspire others to serve, and who help make the City of Maricopa a very special place to live.

Dated this 2nd day of April 2024

Nancy Smith, Mayor