

Mayor Nancy Smith

Whereas, the Sepsis Alliance is dedicated to bringing awareness to sepsis, the body's 's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure and death; and

Whereas, according to the CDC, an estimated 1.4 million people (including children) survive sepsis every year and approximately 400,000 adults, and 7,000 children die as a result of sepsis every year in the United States-more than from some forms of cancer and opioid overdoses combined; and

Whereas, in the United States, sepsis is one of the leading expenses during hospitalization, exceeding \$62 billion each year; and

Whereas, the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases, and making effective sepsis treatment more difficult; and

Whereas, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and

Whereas, one can remember the signs and symptoms of sepsis using "Sepsis: It's About TIME" which stands for "Temperature, Infection, Mental decline, and Extremely ill"; and

Whereas, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis, along with rapid diagnosis and treatment, can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa do hereby proclaim February 17, 2026, as **Sepsis Awareness Day**.

Dated this 17, day of February 2026.

Nancy Smith, Mayor