

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, this year's theme for National Volunteer Week is "Connecting Communities." The nation will gratefully acknowledge the impact that volunteering has in fostering a sense of community, celebrate its power to bring people together, and highlight how volunteering creates enduring and meaningful relationships; and

Whereas, the City of Maricopa wishes to recognize its own public safety and community volunteers who continue to help make it one of the safest and community-supported cities in Arizona: The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Fire Corps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Maricopa Library and Cultural Center and the Maricopa Community Center; and

Whereas, in 2024, 200 volunteers in these five departments combined contributed to 16,491 hours to promote public safety and to provide supportive services in the City of Maricopa with a value of over \$550,000; and

Whereas, it is fitting to honor and recognize our volunteers who give freely of their time and talents. They ask for nothing in return beyond the support of the city and the community they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, the Mayor of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the week of April 20-26, 2025, 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 15th day of April 2025

Nancy Smith, Mayor