

## Mayor Nancy Smith

**Whereas**, National Volunteer Week has been observed each year since 1974. It celebrates the spirit of volunteering, investing in the community and how working together can make a difference; and

**Whereas**, this year's theme for National Volunteer Week is "Your Year to Volunteer." The nation will gratefully acknowledge those who serve, yet locally, here in Maricopa, many volunteers have also heeded the call, not just this year but since the founding of our great city; and

**Whereas**, the City of Maricopa takes pride in recognizing public safety and community volunteers. They continue to help make it one of the safest and community-supported cities in Arizona. These champions are: 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 2025, a total of 132 volunteers in these five departments combined contributed 15, 755 hours to promote public safety and to provide supportive services in the City of Maricopa with a workplace value of over \$548,000; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting to honor and recognize our volunteers who give so willingly of their time and talents. Our volunteers ask for nothing in return but the support of the city and the communities they serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nancy Smith, the Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2026, 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 21st day of April 2026

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Nancy Smith, Mayor