



TOWN OF TUSAYAN

at the entrance to Grand Canyon National Park

COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, the first Monday in March, has been designated (by many) as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, Local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

WHEREAS, In response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and communities of color, exacerbating inequities already prevalent in our systems that we must address as a nation; and

WHEREAS, Public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and the following of public health orders help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society,

WHEREAS, The symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with lingering side-effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive; and

WHEREAS, More than 2.56 million people worldwide and 519,000 in the United States have lost their lives due to COVID-19, 28.8 million cases have been reported in the United States, and, in The Town of Tusayan community alone, more than 187 lives have been impacted by this deadly virus; and

WHEREAS, Each life impacted by COVID-19 matters and has a sustaining impact on our Tusayan community; and

WHEREAS, Each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and surrounding community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Town of Tusayan supports the designation of March 10, 2021 as "COVID-19 Memorial Day", in remembrance of those who have lost their lives and in honor of those who are forever Marked By COVID and continue to suffer from the impact of this virus,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed by name,

ATTEST:


Maria Wortmann, Interim Clerk


Clarinda Vall, Mayor


Brady Harris, Vice Mayor

