## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Care Enough to Get in the Way movement presents an ideal opportunity to help bridge the gap between our local community, government, and law enforcement in a positive way; and

WHEREAS, our local schools are facing unnecessary tragedies where warning signs are placed on social media or observed in person, but are not being reported as serious threats or cries for help; and

WHEREAS, our youth need to be empowered to report concerning posts or comments to law enforcement or school representatives, and to help spread the message that it is okay to care enough to get in the way to speak up, stand up and save a life; and

WHEREAS, more than 700 students from 55 west valley schools will be the first inaugural group to learn and promote the message to take back into their schools and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Cathy Carlat, Mayor of Peoria, Arizona, do hereby proclaim January as

Care Enough to Get in the Way Month

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Arizona schools, students, parents, educators, police departments, and community organizations be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

In Witness Thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Peoria, Arizona to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

Cathy Carlat, Mayor

Attest:

Rhonda Geriminsky, City Clerk