

PROCLAMATION

CASA Volunteer Week – April 6-12, 2026

WHEREAS, our children are among our state's most precious resources, their health, safety and well-being are fundamental to our future, as are their hopes and dreams; and

WHEREAS, children who come into the child welfare system due to reports of abuse or neglect; experience uncertainty, instability, and a lack of consistent support during a challenging time in their young lives; and

WHEREAS, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained volunteer, appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interests of a child living in foster care, ensuring their voices are heard and their needs are met in court proceedings, placement decisions, and other critical areas; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers provide an invaluable service by building trusted relationships with their appointed youth, advocating for timely permanency and stability, promoting more positive outcomes, and helping children pursue their dreams and lead self-determined lives; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, CASA volunteers work diligently in partnership with judges, attorneys, social workers, and community partners to ensure these children have support, resources, and opportunities, now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the work of CASA volunteers has a profound and lasting impact on the lives of vulnerable children, providing them with a consistent, compassionate presence to help restore a more hopeful future; and

WHEREAS, CASA Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the dedication of CASA volunteers, raise awareness about the urgent need for more individuals in Fountain Hills to step forward, and make a difference in the lives of these children.

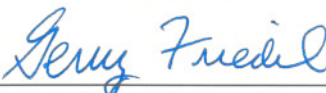
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerry M. Friedel, Mayor, along with the Town Council of Fountain Hills, do hereby proclaim April 6 - 12, 2026, as

CASA VOLUNTEER WEEK

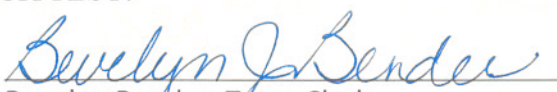
and I encourage all members of our community to learn more about the CASA volunteer program, applaud the extraordinary contributions of CASA volunteers and consider becoming CASA volunteers themselves.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Fountain Hills, Maricopa County, Arizona this 7th day of April, 2026.




Gerry M. Friedel, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bevelyn Bender, Town Clerk