

# Proclamation

## Fallen Heroes Day June 30, 2015

*WHEREAS, in June of 2013, the call came in of a major wild fire burning in the Yarnell, Arizona area. Without question or hesitation, the firefighters responded. It was late afternoon on June 30, 2013 that another, more devastating call came reporting that nineteen Granite Mountain Hot Shot Firefighters had lost their lives. Seven of these First Responders were Veterans; and*

*WHEREAS, the area communities mourned this great loss and poured out their generosity upon the families and friends of the lost heroes. As we reflect upon that day, the memories of the nineteen fallen heroes, who gave the ultimate sacrifice, are forever etched in our hearts; and*

*WHEREAS, the firefighters, police, military, regardless of uniform, are optimistic, enthusiastic, individualistic and imaginative; and during difficult times, they extend their thinking beyond the obvious, motivate themselves to stay solid, positive and build upon their strengths. They understand the great risks and the real possibility of sacrificing life and limb as they act in the best interest of and for their country, community and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, it is with much gratitude that we acknowledge and give thanks to all our uniformed first responders; firefighters, police or military, who stand ready to serve the people. When a call comes, action becomes the order of the moment and vital services are stressful, demanding, and disciplined. These uniformed professionals are well trained, and gain fulfillment in keeping our country, communities, homes, businesses, schools and streets safe; and*

*WHEREAS, in this time of remembrance of that day and mourning of the fallen heroes, the citizens of Prescott Valley extend their well wishes to families, friends and the surrounding communities affected by the great loss of the nineteen Granite Mountain Hot Shots.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey C. Skoog, Mayor of Prescott Valley, do hereby proclaim June 30th as*

***“Fallen Heroes Day”***

*And urge all residents of Prescott Valley to remember our fallen heroes with support, loyalty and patriotism to the symbolism of the uniform.*

*IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Prescott Valley to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2015.*

Attest:

*Diane Russell*  
Diane Russell, Town Clerk

Mayor:

*Harvey C. Skoog*  
Harvey C. Skoog, Mayor



## Town of Prescott Valley