

PROCLAMATION Recognizing Gladden Farms 20th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Gladden Farms, a master-planned community located in the heart of Marana, is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The community, developed by Crown West Land Group, has grown literally from a vision of green pastures to a thriving community of over 3,000 homes; and

WHEREAS, Gladden Farms was originally farmland owned by Stanley Gladden, a local businessman and member of the Marana School Board. He sold the land in 2002, and the first homes were built in 2004; and

WHEREAS, today, Gladden Farms is a thriving community with a variety of amenities, including parks, playgrounds, a neighborhood splash pad, shopping and access to the Huckleberry Loop; and

WHEREAS, Gladden Farms is also home to Gladden Farms Elementary School for grades kindergarten through six, and a second school for grades kindergarten through eight is expected to open in the fall of 2025; and

WHEREAS, Gladden Farms has received numerous awards for its design and development, including, Top 10 Best Master-Plan Community in Arizona 2023 & 2024 (from Ranking AZ) and "Favorite Master-Planned Community" in Tucson Metro (from AZDS Reader's Choice); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dean Wingert, the head of Crown West Land Group, Gladden Farms' developer, said, "Gladden Farms is a testament to the power of community and the dedication of its developers, builders, Town of Marana staff and the residents. The community is a place where people can come together to enjoy a great quality of life, and we look forward to many more years of growth and success."

NOW THEREFORE, I Ed Honea, Mayor of the Town of Marana, do hereby recognize the 20th Anniversary of Gladden Farms.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

David L. Udall, Town Clerk

Ed Honea

Ed Honea, Mayor