



PROCLAMATION

Honoring Sheila Blevins Marana Police Telecommunications Manager

WHEREAS, **Sheila Blevins** career in the public sector expands 33 years, 24 of those years were spent with the Town of Marana Police Department as she has decided to retire on *August 20, 2021*, ending her career as **MPD Telecommunications Manager**; and

WHEREAS, after having ended her career with the City of Tucson Police Department (1988-1997) as a Supervisor Dispatcher, **Sheila** joined the Marana Police Department on August 9, 1997 as a Police Dispatcher along with four (4) other dispatchers at that time, and processing up to 400 calls per month without the use of modern technology. Today, with the use of PSAP system, MPD handles over 4,000 calls per month for assistance; and

WHEREAS, **Sheila** has seen many technological improvements in the area of telecommunications; and was at the forefront with the Marana Police Department to be the first agency in Arizona to fully partner with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children which is a certification program that requires the development and completion of training standards and policy implementation; and


WHEREAS, throughout her career with Marana Police Department, **Shelia** has had several opportunities in a leadership role providing assistance across Pima County and the State Arizona, most of which was in the telecommunication profession. Those leadership opportunities have led to professional acknowledgement and certifications, as well as serving on professional boards and committees. In 2015, she was the recipient of the **Marana Police Civilian of the Year**; in 2019 the **Distinguished Service** awarded, and in 2020, awarded the **Unit Citation** award; and

WHEREAS, as she has her cite set on retiring, **Sheila** along with her *husband, Mike, daughter Gabrielle* and *grandson Bo* have been busy making plans to enjoy spending time with one another as well as having the opportunity to fellowship with friends and family.

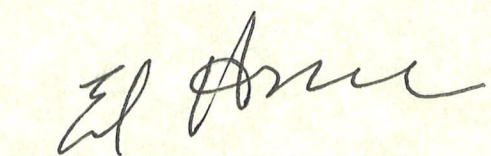
NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Marana commend and thank **Sheila Blevins** for her lengthy career in public service and her dedication to the Marana community, and urge its citizens join them in congratulating her on her retirement.

Dated this 1st day of September 2021.

ATTEST:


Cherry L. Lawson, Town Clerk




Ed Honea, Mayor