

Town of Fountain Hills Proclamation National Skip the Straw Day

WHEREAS, In 2017, amid frequent conversations about the potentially fatal effects of plastic waste for ocean creatures, a group of teenage activists called the Coral Keepers established National Skip the Straw Day to recur every fourth Friday in February; and

WHEREAS, These high school students from Whitehall, Michigan decided to establish the day in order to educate others about the many biodegradable alternatives to these "small but potent cylindrical sippers"; and

WHEREAS, Local student Barrett Brodt embarked on a school project to reduce single-use straws in our town's restaurants and businesses; and

WHEREAS, By taking a positive, community-oriented approach, what starts as a playful task soon blossoms into an educational opportunity about how we can band together to affect meaningful changes in our daily lives with the goal of protecting our environment; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the importance of recycling and appreciate the sustainability efforts of Fountain Hills citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ginny Dickey on behalf of the Town of Fountain Hills, ask that you please join me, Barrett Brodt and our neighbors in promoting **NATIONAL NO STRAW DAY** on Friday, February 25th, 2022, and ask our fellow residents to "*tip the glass and skip the straw*"

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 16th day of February, 2022.



Ginny Dickey
Ginny Dickey, Mayor

ATTEST:
Elizabeth A. Klein
Elizabeth A. Klein, Town Clerk