

## ***CHILDREN AND YOUTH WEEK***

***WHEREAS***, the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion have been actively involved in issues that address the care and protection of children since the early 1900's; and

***WHEREAS***, in 1939, the month of April was formally designated as Child Welfare Month by the National Organization of American Legion; and

***WHEREAS***, the American Legion has provided educational scholarships and other financial assistance for youth programs and activities, medical needs, direct aid for families in need of food, clothing and housing; and

***WHEREAS***, the American Legion recognizes and celebrates every child no matter what uncertainty may come their way; and

***WHEREAS***, to maintain a "whole" child program and meet the needs of all children, including their physical, spiritual, emotional, or educational needs, the American Legion encourages all youth organizations to work together for each child's best possible future.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of myself and the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2008, as:

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*and urge all citizens to recognize the valuable contributions made by youth service organizations on behalf of our most precious natural resource – our children.*

*In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008.*