

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Slow Down to Get Around is a national safety campaign promoted by the **Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)** aimed at reminding motorists to drive carefully near solid waste and recycling collection vehicles; and

WHEREAS, solid waste vehicles come in all shapes and sizes, and it is important for motorists to recognize that there are inherent hazards when approaching a solid waste vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Drivers cannot always see oncoming motorists due to the size of their trucks and limited visibility. Each time the operators exit their vehicles, they are likely to encounter a distracted motorist; and

WHEREAS, Arizona law requires drivers approaching stationary vehicles displaying warning lights to change lanes into a lane not adjacent to the stationary vehicle when possible or to proceed with due caution and reduce speed; and

WHEREAS, this year alone there have been 23 deaths within the industry; the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) report for 2016 concludes that solid waste collection is the 5th deadliest job in the United States (higher than police or firefighters); and

WHEREAS, SWANA is the leading solid waste trade association in the United States with more than 10,000 members. SWANA’s mission focuses on research, education certification/training, networking and safety for the solid waste industry; and

WHEREAS, we value the safety of our community and workers; and

WHEREAS, we understand that getting where we need to be is important but need to remember to slow down, be attentive and be cautious of your surroundings when driving; and

WHEREAS, we commit ourselves to a safe environment for our community and employees; And we recognize June 19, 2018 as Slow Down to Get Around Day to remind motorists to drive carefully near waste and recycling collection vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Coral J. Evans do hereby proclaim this day, June 19th, 2018 as Slow Down to Get Around Day.

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DRIVERS IN ARIZONA. THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF ENCOURAGES ITS RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN, TO SLOW DOWN, PAY ATTENTION AND DRIVE WITH CAUTION NEAR SOLID WASTE VEHICLES.

DATED this 19th day of June, 2018.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK