

**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**PROCLAMATION**

**JOE MEEHAN DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Joe has lived in Flagstaff since 1971. Right away, he started collecting epitaphs in the Citizen Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, He was an intern at the Pioneer Museum while going to school and then became the only employee, Curator/Director and stayed in that position even after the local board turned the property over to the Arizona Historical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, He has led countless tours for school kids, tourists and locals. He has researched, lectured and written Flagstaff history, including our popular Cemetery and Underground Flagstaff tours. Joe is our go-to guy for artifact identification, gathering of historical memorabilia (saving it from the dump) and curating exhibits depicting Flagstaff's ethnic and Anglo past; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe participated in the Old Town Spring excavation with the city and served on the then Historic Sites Commission He is our collective memory, and keeper of Flagstaff's attic 'treasures'. He never turns down a request for information; and

**WHEREAS**, now after nearly 46 years Joe is entering a new chapter of retirement taking on the Riordan Mansion as a joint property between AHS and State Parks and in his words “I enjoy the kids that come to Pioneer, especially for candle-dipping’s. I enjoy living history interpretation. I enjoy helping folks with research questions and I enjoy firing Artillery every 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Coral Evans**, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona do hereby proclaim **June 26, 2019** as

**JOE MEEHAN DAY**



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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**