

*Office of the Mayor*  
Oro Valley, Arizona  
**Proclamation**

**CELEBRATION OF WILDERNESS MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 2014**

**WHEREAS**, in 1964 the United States Congress passed the Wilderness Act by an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote, and this farsighted legislation was signed by President Lyndon Johnson on September 3, 1964, and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilderness Act brought into being America's National Wilderness Preservation System, federal lands to be "administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness, and will provide for the protection of these areas and the preservation of their wilderness character;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilderness Act made it the "policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness...in order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition," and

**WHEREAS**, wilderness, "in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is recognized as "Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, which generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable, and has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oro Valley shares a common boundary with the Pusch Ridge Wilderness, managed by the USDA Forest Service, Coronado National Forest, which protects the watersheds, wildlife, native plants, and the scenery of the town and provides recreational enjoyment and tourism opportunities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor of Oro Valley, hereby proclaim the month of September 2014 to be **Celebration of Wilderness in Oro Valley Month** and encourage all Oro Valley residents to celebrate the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2014

  
Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor



ATTEST:

  
Julie K. Bower, Town Clerk