

Office of the Mayor
Oro Valley, Arizona
Proclamation

**INDEPENDENTS WEEK
JUNE 27 – JULY 5, 2015**

WHEREAS, locally-owned, independent businesses generate thousands of jobs for Oro Valley residents each year and provide unique services and products that give Oro Valley its distinct character and sense of place; and

WHEREAS, up to four times more money stays and circulates in the local economy when consumers spend their money at local, independent businesses instead of national chains; and

WHEREAS, Oro Valley's local independent businesses help preserve the uniqueness of the community and give us a sense of place; and

WHEREAS, Oro Valley's core of independently-owned businesses give back to this community in goods, services, time and talent; and

WHEREAS, the health of Oro Valley's economy depends on our support of businesses owned by our friends and neighbors; and

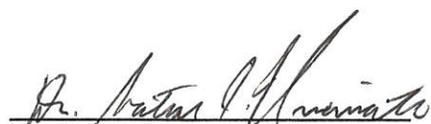
WHEREAS, Oro Valley's independent business owners and employees enrich community members' shopping experiences with their knowledge & passion; and

WHEREAS, Local First Arizona, a non-profit organization, has over 460 member businesses in Southern Arizona who are celebrating many years of raising awareness about the importance of patronizing local businesses to foster strong community ties and preserve our unique character for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, individuals will be celebrating Independents Week in communities across Arizona and the nation by taking the pledge to support local and independent businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor of the Town of Oro Valley, Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 27th through July 5th, 2015, **INDEPENDENTS WEEK** and salute our community members and locally owned independent businesses who are integral to the unique flavor of Oro Valley and honor their efforts to make Oro Valley the place we want to live and work.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2015


Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor



ATTEST:


Julie K. Bower, Town Clerk