

Avondale

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PROCLAMATION

In Memory of Mayor Raymond William "Bill" Bedoya

October 24, 1926 – November 25, 2023

Whereas, William "Bill" Bedoya was born in Liberty, Arizona and moved to Avondale, Arizona as a young child, where Bill grew with pride of his heritage and Coldwater roots; and

Whereas, Bill attended Avondale Elementary School and was promoted to Litchfield High School where he was one of 22 students in the class of 1944; and

Whereas, Bill joined the Army Air Corps in 1945 and served in the Philippines for two years until his discharge in 1947;

Whereas, Bill worked as a civilian at the Litchfield Navel Air Facility in Goodyear restoring military aircraft and worked as a mechanic maintaining and repairing jet engines, including the F-16 Fighting Falcon;

Whereas, Bill got married to Lupe Murillo on July 26, 1952 and raised their four children in homes within Avondale;

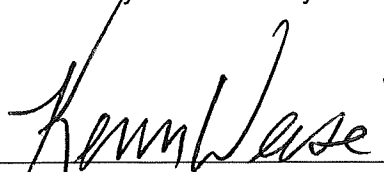
Whereas, Bill stayed involved and active within the Avondale community – as a volunteer fire chief, a 41-year member of the Avondale Volunteer Fire Department and a 20-year member of Avondale's Planning and Zoning Committee;

Whereas, Bill served as a City Council Member from 1986 through 1989, serving two-years as Vice Mayor, and served as Mayor from 1990 to 1996;

Whereas, Bill's visionary economic development included the annexation of Phoenix International Raceway and securing a ten-million-dollar federal grant for water and sewer systems in Cashion;

Whereas, Bill passed away on November 25, 2023, leaving a lasting mark on the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby honor Mayor Bill Bedoya for his profound contributions to Avondale's growth and prosperity.



Mayor

Attest: 

City Clerk