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PROCLAMATION

Cochise County Opt-Out Month

WHEREAS, the Owner-Builder Opt-Out Amendment, adopted by the Cochise County Board of Supervisors in 2006, established a program for rural home construction that allows residents to build their own homes with lower permitting costs due to reduced plan reviews and inspections, while still requiring compliance with all Cochise County Building Safety Code, Zoning Regulations, Floodplain Regulations, and applicable statewide codes; and

WHEREAS, The Opt-Out Amendment has empowered hundreds of Cochise County families to construct affordable, creative, and sustainable homes, strengthening the county’s rural character and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, Opt-Out homes often showcase alternative building methods, such as adobe, straw bale, earthbag, recycled material, and innovative passive energy designs, making them a unique cultural and architectural attraction; and

WHEREAS, A poll conducted among Owner-Builder Opt-Out residents and builders indicated October as the preferred month for celebrating, promoting, and showcasing Cochise County’s Opt-Out tradition; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing October as “Opt-Out Month” will provide an opportunity to promote tourism, highlight the spirit of rural innovation, encourage educational events and tours, and attract future Opt-Out builders to Cochise County; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating Opt-Out Month will honor the values of self-reliance, creativity, affordability, and community heritage that have long defined Cochise County;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, The Cochise County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of October of each to be “Cochise County Opt-Out Month”.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2025.

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