



Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc. Day

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis joins other Arizona cities, recognizing August 26, 2017 as Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc. (PPEP), day.

WHEREAS, PPEP Inc., was founded 50 years ago in 1967 by Dr. John David Arnold, with its mission, "To improve the quality of rural life"; and

WHEREAS, 50 years ago, PPEP's converted 1957 Chevrolet school bus named "La Tortuga" – the Tortoise–traveled Southern Arizona, providing farmworkers with basic education and English classes; and

WHEREAS, PPEP has a long standing commitment to the City of San Luis and its citizens providing services through: PPEP Tec High School, Microfinances/CDFI, PMHDC-protecting, supporting; encouraging small businesses; Farm Worker Job Training, YouthBuild, proud sponsor and funder of Comite de Bien Estar; and,

WHEREAS, PPEP is still committed to providing economic, educational, health and humanitarian services to farmworkers and their families in Arizona, Mexico and Africa; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 50 years of service, PPEP has developed programs and established field offices and school campuses throughout Arizona, having graduated over 5,000 students in the past 21 years; and

WHEREAS, PPEP is dedicated to another 50 years of service that touch and enrich the lives of thousands with the motto of "Si Se Pudo/Podrá";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor of the City of San Luis, Arizona, by the authority vested in me, hereby proclaim August 26, 2017 to be

PORTABLE PRACTICAL EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION, INC. (PPEP) DAY IN THE CITY OF SAN LUIS

AND FURTHER, to offer congratulations to PPEP, Inc., its Board of Directors, dedicated staff, and Dr. John David Arnold, its founder and La Tortuga bus driver for their continued services to the City of San Luis and Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Luis, Arizona to be affixed this 23rd day of August, 2017.

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk