



Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

PPEP, INC.'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY
August 23, 2022

WHEREAS, Portable Practical Education Preparation (PPEP) was founded in 1967 by Dr. John David Arnold with a mission to improve the quality of life in rural and underserved Arizona, Sonora, and other regions with large populations of farmworkers; and

WHEREAS, PPEP has been steadfast in its service to the rural poor, the disenfranchised, the developmentally disabled, the migrant population, at-risk youth, as well as seasonal farm workers and their families; and

WHEREAS, PPEP outreach efforts to provide training began by touring on a converted 1957 Chevrolet school bus named "La Tortuga"—the Tortoise; which was driven all over southern Arizona, taking PPEP's resources to cotton and vegetable fields, providing education to African Americans, Mexicans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the new public charter Cesar Chavez PPEP Tec High School campus will be completed next school year, offering education to students at no cost to their families; and

WHEREAS, PPEP's Youth Build program has constructed dozens of homes for farmworkers with farmworker youth, has assisted in the creation of PPEP Park, several community services projects, while their housing rehab program takes dilapidated housing, repairs them, and puts them into the affordable housing market; and

WHEREAS, Its National Farmworkers Jobs Program (NFJP) funded by US Department of Labor, has provided training and support services to the regions migrant and seasonal farmworkers since 1980 and its micro loan program provides loans and technical assistance to dozens of farmworker families to create and support their own businesses; and

WHEREAS, over the past 55 years, PPEP has touched the lives of over 5.5 million people, established 60 field offices, operating with 22 group homes and day treatment centers, serving over 200 developmentally disabled adults, and has created 7 public charter high school campuses throughout Arizona, with over 4,000 graduated students in the past 18 years; and

WHEREAS, August 23 is PPEP, Inc.'s Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor of City of San Luis, do hereby proclaim **“PPEP, Inc.’s 55th Anniversary”**, celebrating and recognizing the support PPEP has provided to farmworkers, low income families, migrants, and the rural poor by giving them hope and providing them with opportunities and resources to improve their quality of life.

DATED this 27th day of October 2022.

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk