WHEREAS, the professional female chefs and female restaurant owners in the Phoenix Metro area make a valuable contribution to our economy; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix Metro area hosts several culinary programs which prepare women to enter this professional field; and

WHEREAS, Wine, Women and Jazz, will be presented on Sunday, May 25 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Phoenix and showcase female chiefs, restaurateurs and wine experts, as well as female jazz vocalists to benefit 10 Arizona charities that assist underserved women and youth at risk. They are: Asian Pacific Community in Action; Gabriel’s Angels; Greenbacks Bringing Hope Foundation; Maricopa County Task Force Against Domestic Abuse; Shoebox Ministry; The Arizona Rising Suns Track Club; The WellCare Foundation; TimberTrails Children’s Project-Sedona; Tucson International Alliance of Refugee Communities; and Urban Coalition West; and

WHEREAS, Paula Cullison, Joyce Winston and Lori Collins Walk have created the Arizona Women’s Partnership, Inc. to support local charities through two major fundraising events: Wine Women & Jazz and Getting Our Just Desserts, and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Women’s Partnership, Inc. has created an Advisory Committee reflective of the racial and ethnic diversity in the Phoenix Metro area whose main mission is the selection of the beneficiaries. They are: Kelly Hsu, MD; Lin Ling Lee; Dawn Melvin; Karen Thorne; Patricia Davis; J.D. Joanna de’Shay; Rebeca Ruiz; Delphine Cortez; Kathleen Wong; Sujatha Krishnaswamy, Ph.D.; Genet Ejigu, RN, BSN; Jennifer Blackmon; Joyce Harwood; Blaise Lantana; and Margo Reed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SKIP RIMSZA, MAYOR of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 25, 2003 as WINE, WOMEN & JAZZ DAY in Phoenix.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of Phoenix, on the sixth day of May two thousand three, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Phoenix to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk