

Proclamation

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK APRIL 2 - 8, 2024

- WHEREAS;** the beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind, and the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature; and
- WHEREAS;** the Sonoran desert is home to dozens of species that rely on undisturbed night environments to thrive; and,
- WHEREAS;** 80 percent of the world's population lives under a dome of light pollution and may never experience the visual wonder of living under a dark sky; and,
- WHEREAS;** light pollution has been scientifically proven to have economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant negative impacts and contributes to diminished energy security; and,
- WHEREAS;** Dark Sky International is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walter "Chip" Wilson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2 - 8, 2024 as


INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

Signed and attested to this 19th day of March, 2024.



Walter "Chip" Wilson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pena
City Clerk

