

# Proclamation

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH JANUARY 2026

**WHEREAS,** January is nationally recognized as Anti-Human Trafficking Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness, supporting victims and survivors, and strengthening our collective efforts to combat this horrific crime; and

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking remains a widespread and underreported crime occurring in communities across the United States, including Arizona, affecting individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and demographics; and

**WHEREAS,** the fight against human trafficking requires the collaboration of schools, churches, non-profits, law enforcement, businesses, and concerned citizens to intervene, disrupt trafficking activity, and provide resources and compassionate care to victims; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Apache Junction joins statewide coalitions, community organizations, and the Not in Our City movement in demonstrating its commitment to bring light to the darkness of human trafficking to increase public awareness of the impact this crime has on communities throughout Arizona; and

**WHEREAS,** continued leadership from cities and towns across the state strengthens Arizona's united stance, deepens community engagement, and amplifies efforts to oppose human trafficking in all its forms;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Walter "Chip" Wilson, Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 2026, as

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Signed and attested to this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

Walter "Chip" Wilson

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Mayor



ATTEST:

Evie McKinney  
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City Clerk