NLC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY Proclamation

NATIONAL CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES MONTH May 2024

WHEREAS,

the National League of Cities was founded in 1924 in Lawrence, Kansas, as the American Municipal Association by state municipal leagues seeking more coordination and national representation as cities, towns, and villages expanded rapidly. It is the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS,

the National League of Cities works in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues across the country to strengthen local leadership, drive innovation, and influence the federal policies that impact local programs and operations; and

WHEREAS,

Apache Junction is a proud member of the National League of Cities, and has benefited from the organization's research, expertise, federal support, and opportunities to learn from other local governments; and

WHEREAS,

from the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history; and

WHEREAS,

Apache Junction was first incorporated in 1978 and is proudly served today by the City Council and a municipal workforce of 415 dedicated public servants.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chip Wilson, Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024, as

"NATIONAL CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES MONTH"

Signed and attested to this /b day of April, 2024.

Walter Chip Wilson
Walter "Chip" Wilson

Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Pepa City Clerk