Proclamation

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK APRIL 21- 28, 2025

WHEREAS; the City of Apache Junction is committed to preserving the natural

beauty of the Sonoran Desert and ensuring that the clear desert night skies remain a valuable resource for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS; the Sonoran Desert is home to dozens of species that rely on

undisturbed night environments to thrive; and,

WHEREAS; the preservation of natural night-time environments is essential for

the protection of local wildlife, the health and well-being of

residents, and the reduction of light pollution; and,

WHEREAS; the City of Apache Junction recognizes the importance of dark sky

practices in supporting local tourism, enhancing the quality of life, and contributing to the city's reputation as a desirable destination for

stargazing and outdoor recreation.; 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, Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 21 - 28, 2025 as

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

Signed and attested to this 15 day of April , 2025.

Walter "Chip" Wilson

Mayor

ATTEST:

Evie McKinney

City Clerk