

Proclamation

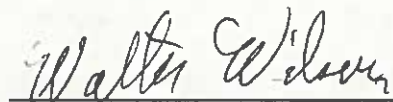
INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK APRIL 13-20, 2026

- 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 13-20, 2026 as

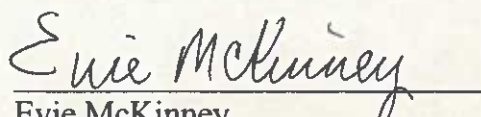
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Signed and attested to this 7th day of April, 2026.



Walter "Chip" Wilson
Mayor

ATTEST:


Evie McKinney
City Clerk

