

Proclamation

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH JANUARY 2024

WHEREAS, human trafficking impacts people across all demographics and ages, including teenagers and children; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, including cases of human trafficking reported in every U.S. state and territory; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that 1 in 6 runaway children in the United States reported to the Center in 2021 were victims of sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks in the top 15 states with the highest rates of human trafficking per capita; and

WHEREAS, the city of Apache Junction joins schools, churches, non-profit organizations, law enforcement, federal and state coalitions and the Not In Our City.org movement in our commitment to increase public awareness of the human trafficking epidemic that impacts our community, state, nation, and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walter “Chip” Wilson, Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 2024 as

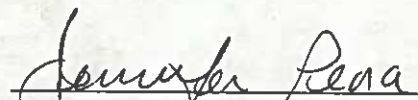
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Signed and attested to this 9 day of January 2024.



Walter “Chip” Wilson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pena
City Clerk

