

# Proclamation

**YOUTH WEEK  
MAY 1-7, 2026**

- WHEREAS,** The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated May 1-7, 2026, as Youth Week to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to community, state and nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Apache Junction Elks Lodge 2349 will sponsor an observance during that week in tribute to the Junior Citizens of this community; and
- WHEREAS,** no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent the nation's greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and
- WHEREAS,** our youth need the guidance, inspiration and encouragement which we alone can give in order to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and go forth to serve America; and
- WHEREAS,** to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship:

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Walter "Chip" Wilson, Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, do hereby proclaim the first week in May as Youth Week.

Signed and attested to this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

*Walter "Chip" Wilson*

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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Evie McKinney*  
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City Clerk

