



# Proclamation

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2021

WHEREAS, the month of May is Mental Health Awareness Month and an estimated one in five Americans experience mental illness; and

WHEREAS, almost all Americans across the country have been touched by mental illness, either directly or through someone we care about – regardless of geography, politics or economics; and

WHEREAS, cities’ public safety services and other first responders often bear the burden of under resourced mental health care; and

WHEREAS, mental illness disproportionately affects the most vulnerable in our cities - those living at the intersection of homelessness, poverty, and mental health; and

WHEREAS, our federal and state leaders must do more and invest in solutions that will save lives - and ultimately, save taxpayer dollars by helping people manage treatable diseases and avoid costly emergency room visits or inpatient hospital stays; and

WHEREAS, investing in prevention and promotion of mental health will yield substantial cost-benefits and improve social outcomes in every aspect of our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chip Wilson, Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as:

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Signed and attested to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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WALTER “CHIP” WILSON  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER PENA  
City Clerk