

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the splendor of a night sky lit by thousands of stars has for millennia inspired and connected humanity with a shared sense of awe and wonder; and

WHEREAS, in 1892 the City of Flagstaff was nicknamed “Skylight City” for the remarkable clarity of its atmosphere and the brilliant lighting that resulted from its 7000-foot elevation and cloudless skies; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 the City of Flagstaff created the world’s first nighttime lighting ordinance, prohibiting searchlights within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition was formed and soon created the idea of a Dark Sky City recognition program; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2001, the City of Flagstaff was formally recognized as the world’s first International Dark Sky City; and

WHEREAS, today Flagstaff remains the world’s largest International Dark Sky City and stands out as a success story and model for other communities around the world in stemming light pollution and restoring dark skies; and

WHEREAS, the Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition continues to serve as a change agent, educating and impacting governments, businesses, cities, neighborhoods and individuals about how they can take action to protect or restore starry nights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff owes its demonstrated success in preserving its dark skies to the broad support of its residents who cherish and celebrate the sight of the Milky Way in a star-filled sky; and

WHEREAS, International Dark Sky Week has been observed worldwide since 2003, drawing attention to the beauty, wonder and inspiration that dark and star-filled skies bring to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Becky Daggett, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona do hereby proclaim **April 21–27**, as

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

MAYOR
ATTEST:

CITY CLERK