

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the splendor of a night sky filled with thousands of stars has for millennia inspired and connected humanity with a sense of awe and wonder shared across space and time; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Flagstaff led the world in creating the first lighting ordinance to protect the quality of our night sky, prohibiting searchlights within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Flagstaff along with Coconino County developed and approved the world's first outdoor lighting codes that required both the widespread use of night-friendly amber lighting and limited the amount of light that could be used per acre; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2001, after a proposal by the Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition, the City of Flagstaff was designated as the world's first International Dark Sky City; and

WHEREAS, 25 years later, Flagstaff has become a hub of International Dark Sky Places in Northern Arizona, including the communities of Sedona, the Village of Oak Creek, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde; Walnut Canyon, Sunset Crater Volcano, and Wupatki National Monuments; and Petrified Forest and Grand Canyon National Parks; and

WHEREAS, our community has documented a greater than 90% reduction in artificial sky glow compared to other cities that have not protected their night skies; and

WHEREAS, today the City of Flagstaff stands out as a success story and model for other communities around the world in stemming light pollution and restoring dark skies, earning the 2025 Dark Sky Place of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition continues to serve as a community voice, celebrating our star-filled skies and success in protecting them through education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, 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

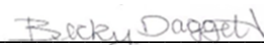
WHEREAS, International Dark Sky Week has been observed worldwide since 2003, drawing attention to the beauty, wonder and inspiration that dark and star-filled skies bring to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Becky Daggett, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona do hereby proclaim April 13-20th, 2026, as

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK IN FLAGSTAFF

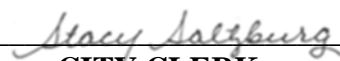
and we encourage all in our community to celebrate our glorious dark skies here in northern Arizona.

Dated this 14th day of April 2026



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK