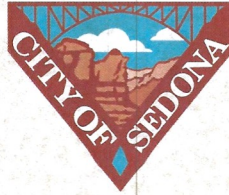


**Office of the Mayor  
City of Sedona, Arizona**



**Proclamation  
Designating International Dark Sky Week  
April 21 - 28, 2025**

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind, and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing under a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature, particularly among young people and visitors from outside the local communities, and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts on the ecology and human health of all communities, and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in Sedona, Arizona live under a dome of light pollution, excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness-and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky, and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security, and

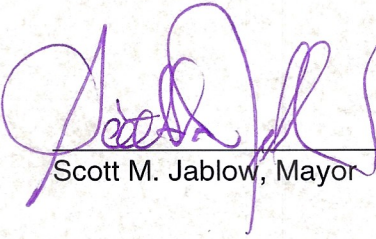
WHEREAS, Arizona hosts 10% of the world's largest telescopes-including the world's largest optical telescope and many of the world's most revered observatories, including the Lowell Observatory, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory/Whipple Observatory, the University of Arizona's MMT and Large Binocular Telescope Observatories, Kitt Peak National Observatory, and the Vatican Observatory, and

WHEREAS, optical astronomy, which is both hindered and endangered by unfettered light pollution, represents a statewide capital investment of more than \$1.3 billion and an annual economic return of over \$250 million, including an indirect attachment to more than 150,000 jobs through the aerospace and defense sector, and

WHEREAS, Arizona is home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species including the black-footed ferret, one of the most endangered mammals on the North American continent and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive, and

WHEREAS, DarkSky International, the globally recognized authority on light pollution, recognizes International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of the effects of light pollution, provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public, and encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

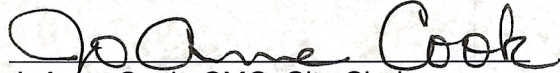
NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT JABLOW, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA, ON BEHALF OF THE SEDONA CITY COUNCIL, hereby declare April 21 - 28, 2025 as International Dark Sky Week. Issued this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.



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Scott M. Jablow, Mayor

ATTEST:



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JoAnne Cook, CMC, City Clerk

