

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

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COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is shared among many. The experience of standing beneath a starry night sky can inspire feelings of wonder, while encouraging interest in science in nature; and

WHEREAS, studies show that nearly 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in Arizona, live in an area where light is prevalent; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has some of the largest telescopes in the world—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, according to a study conducted by Arizona Arts, Sciences, and Technology Academy, astronomy and planetary science in Arizona represents a capital investment of more than \$1.3 billion and an annual economic return of over \$250 million to the state; and

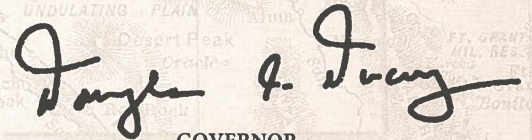
WHEREAS, Arizona's aerospace and defense research initiatives abound at the post-secondary education level, demonstrating the state's commitment to the industry's growth. Higher education and industry partnerships promote entrepreneurship and innovation while facilitating cutting-edge technology commercialization; and

WHEREAS, many in Arizona, including the International Dark-Sky Association, headquartered in Arizona, encourages the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting and recognizes the significant educational, economic, and scientific advancements that higher education institutions and observatories have made in the State of Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby recognize April 22 – 30, 2022 as

DARK-SKY WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

