

February 25, 2025

Pinal County Board of Supervisors  
135 N Pinal Street  
Florence, AZ 85132

Re: International Dark Sky Week Proclamation

Pinal County Supervisors:

We are writing to ask your support in protecting the night sky by declaring "Pinal County International Dark Sky Week," April 21-28, 2025. A draft proposal is attached for your consideration.

In the United States and Europe, 99% of people live under a light-polluted sky; globally, it is a third of the entire population, yet few are aware of its impact. The damage of artificial light at night goes far beyond blocking our view of the stars and disrupting wildlife's migratory patterns. Its significant impacts on human quality of life warrant far more attention. They are often overlooked or falsely written off as the cost of keeping a community safe despite a lack of evidence that brighter is better.

Light pollution is destroying natural darkness with severe consequences. Scientists link light pollution to global insect decline, the death of millions of migrating birds, increased carbon emissions and human disease.

International Dark Sky Week raises awareness of light pollution and provides solutions to protect dark skies while enjoying quality outdoor lighting. International Dark Sky Week 2024 was a huge success, highlighted by proclamations from Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Michigan and many other states and regions around the world. Proclamations for 2025 are currently underway. International Dark Sky Week events will be celebrated across the globe to help raise awareness of the benefits of community-friendly lighting and our heritage of dark skies.

We hope you will consider this request for a Pinal County proclamation of International Dark Sky Week, and we wish you the very best in your efforts to lead our county.

With warm regards and gratitude,

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