

**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**PROCLAMATION**  
**FLAGSTAFF’S LUNAR LEGACY**

**WHEREAS**, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of one of humankind’s greatest achievements of setting foot on the Moon was made possible only with years of preparation, in which many milestones occurred in the Flagstaff area; and

**WHEREAS**, every one of the 12 astronauts who walked on the Moon, from Neil Armstrong to Gene Cernan, prepared for their journeys in northern Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, artists worked with scientists at Lowell Observatory to create beautifully detailed lunar topographic maps, while cartographers at the USGS developed geological maps of the Moon; and

**WHEREAS**, USGS scientists taught astronauts geological principles and techniques at Meteor Crater, the Grand Canyon, Sunset Crater, and the cinder fields that blanket northern Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, astronauts studied the Moon through telescopes at Lowell Observatory, Northern Arizona University, and the US Naval Observatory. In addition, the Museum of Northern Arizona supplied office space; and

**WHEREAS**, using explosives, scientists created a simulated lunar surface in the cinder field near Sunset Crater, complete with a network of craters modeled after authentic Moon craters for training astronauts and testing several lunar rover vehicle simulators (*moon buggies*) in the surrounding volcanic features; and

**WHEREAS**, for decades Flagstaff has and continues to be an epicenter for space science studies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAL EVANS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA**, do hereby recognize Flagstaff’s scientific role in the Apollo Moon missions and the “Flagstaff Lunar Legacy” 18-month celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Moon landing.

**FLAGSTAFF, AZ LUNAR LEGACY**

**DATED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.



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MAYOR

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