

**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF —
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Both the City of Flagstaff and Lowell Observatory trace their beginnings to the southeastern side of the mesa known today by locals as Mars Hill; and

WHEREAS, in 1894, 82 leaders of Flagstaff signed a letter welcoming Lowell Observatory to the community and committing to deed the necessary land to build the observatory, as well as to build a road to the new facility; and

WHEREAS, in 1930 Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto and since then, nearly every major discovery about this planet has ties to Flagstaff, resulting in the community claiming the title “Home of Pluto”; and

WHEREAS, at the urging of Lowell Observatory astronomers, the Flagstaff City Council created the world’s first lighting ordinance—in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Observatory staff members have played active roles in the Flagstaff community, from astronomer EC Slipher serving as mayor from 1918-1920, to modern-day employees joining committees, boards, and other organizations committed to bettering the community; and

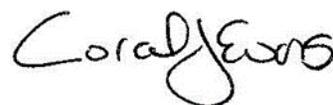
WHEREAS, Modern-day Lowell Observatory scientists continue a long tradition of world-class astronomical research, characterizing the behavior of the Sun and Sun-like stars, deciphering the physical characteristics of comets and asteroids, unveiling the mysteries of Pluto and other icy bodies in the outer solar system, searching for planets around distant stars, identifying bizarre stars previously unknown to science, exploring the formation and evolution of galaxies; and

WHEREAS, Lowell Observatory is a major contributor to the Flagstaff economy, generating substantial revenue annually via research, visitation, and education and now has been in existence for 125 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAL EVANS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, HEREBY DO PROCLAIM

JUNE 6, 2019 AS LOWELL OBSERVATORY DAY, IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA.

DATED this 6th Day of June, 2019



MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK