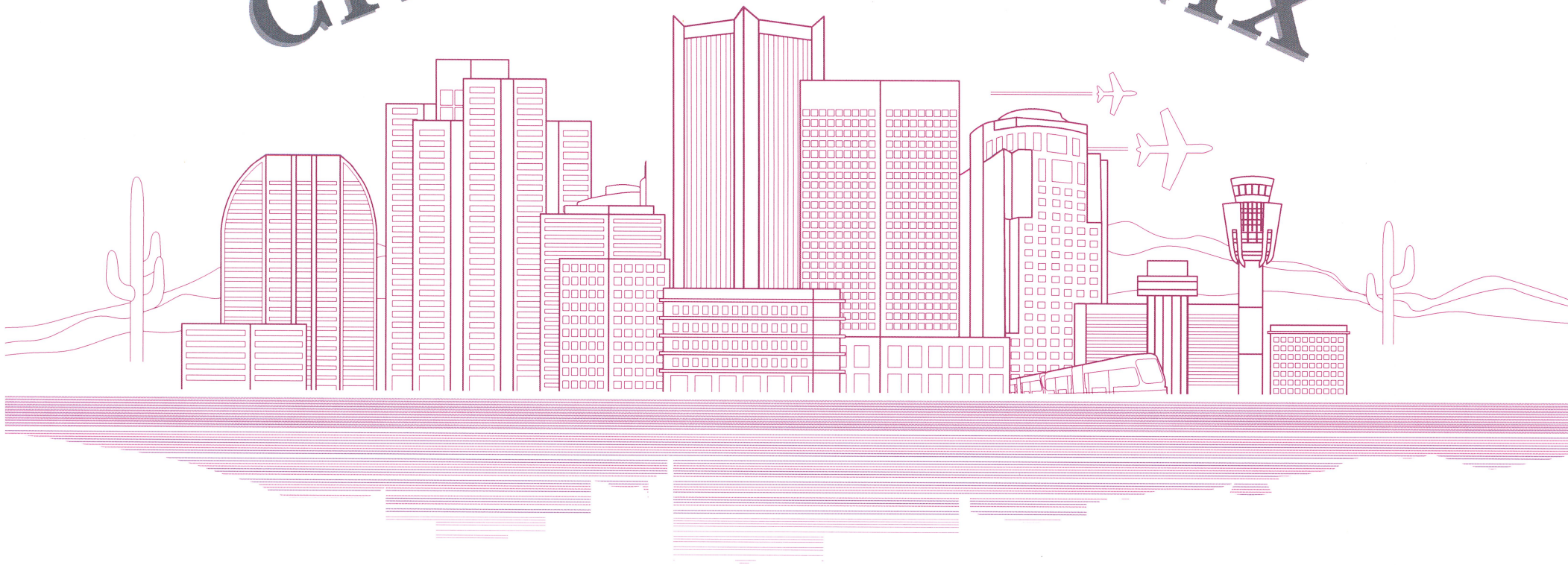


CITY OF PHOENIX



PROCLAMATION

From late September to early October, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service celebrates urban wildlife conservation across the country. For the 80% of American's who live in cities, these wildlife refuges are a beautiful escape from the hustle and bustle of urban life. This year, the City of Phoenix is proud to dedicate a special day in October as Urban Wildlife Conservation Day. On this date the City of Phoenix, in partnership with Audubon Arizona, will kick off the 1st Annual Walk for the Wild at the Rio Salado Restoration Area. To appreciate urban wildlife, walk on a paved path, attend the Audubon Native Plant Sale, Milkweed for Monarchs planting, and more. Urban Wildlife Conservation Day will also highlight important partners who have helped lead Arizona's wildlife conservation effort.

The Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area is just south of downtown Phoenix, and it's a dedicated urban wildlife conservation area. These wildlife refuges have been restored and conserved, transforming the area into a flourishing habitat with over 200 wildlife species. On urban wildlife conservation day, it's important to remember the natural beauty in our urban centers. Arizona is home to unbelievable biodiversity and climates; this commemoration will recognize and celebrate the world around us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE GALLEGO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, in accordance with the law, do hereby proclaim October 9th, 2021, as

URBAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION DAY

in the City of Phoenix and urge all Phoenicians to join me in recognizing this important day.



Mayor Kate Gallego
City of Phoenix