

## PROCLAMATION Recognizing February 2, 2023 as Optimist Day

WHEREAS, Young people are our joy of today and our hope for tomorrow. They are filled with potential, and their unbounded enthusiasm to use their own talent, skills, and hard work to make a difference in others' lives inspires all around them; and

WHEREAS, Members of Optimist International celebrate Optimist Day throughout the world on the first Thursday of every February to promote their efforts in helping and recognizing the young people that make a difference in their communities and who encourage a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults; and

WHEREAS, There are thousands of Optimist Clubs worldwide that carry out more than 6,500 service projects and serve around six million young people each year; and

WHEREAS, Anyone can celebrate Optimist Day by volunteering in the community, teaming up with their local Optimist Club, doing something that brings out optimism in themselves or others, or by bringing awareness about Optimist Day and the Optimist International Organization to friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, The Marana-Foothills Optimist Club is a local club whose mission is to provide hope and positive vision and to bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves. The club's purpose is to develop optimism as a way of life, promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs, inspire respect for the law, promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people, aid and encourage in the development of youth, and serve others to advance the well-being of humankind, community life, and the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ed Honea, Mayor of the Town of Marana, do hereby proclaim and recognize February 2, 2023 as Optimist Day in the Town of Marana and commend the Town's Optimists for all of their accomplishments and for the impact they have in people's lives.

Dated this 17th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

David L. Udall, Town Clerk

Ed Honea, Mayor