

Arizona Sting Recognition

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2003, Arizona Lacrosse introduced the name and logo of the Arizona Sting as part of the new West Division of the National Lacrosse League; and

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2003, the Arizona Sting played their inaugural home game at the Glendale Arena, which was the first event held inside the new arena, defeating the Vancouver Ravens by the score of 16-12 in front of 12,789 fans; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2005, the Arizona Sting defeated the Colorado Mammoth by the score of 16-13 at the Glendale Arena to open the 2005 Champion's Cup Playoffs, a victory which was the first postseason win in Arizona's franchise history and the first appearance in the playoffs for the Sting; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2005, the West Division Champion Arizona Sting pulled off a fourth quarter comeback scoring five goals in the final five minutes to upset the defending NLL champions, the Calgary Roughnecks, by the score of 19-15 to advance the Sting to their first-ever Champion's Cup Final; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2005, the Arizona Sting, the second youngest team in the National Lacrosse League, will take on the East Division champion Toronto Rock for the Champion's Cup Final; and

WHEREAS, in his second year as Arizona Sting General Manager and Head Coach, Bob Hamley has been named the National Lacrosse League's 2005 Coach of the Year and General Manager of the Year, becoming the first person in NLL history to win both awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2005, as

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and call upon the residents of Glendale to recognize the significant accomplishments achieved by the Arizona Sting and their coaches and express our gratitude for the pride and recognition they have brought to themselves, the community of Glendale and the state of Arizona.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of May 2005.