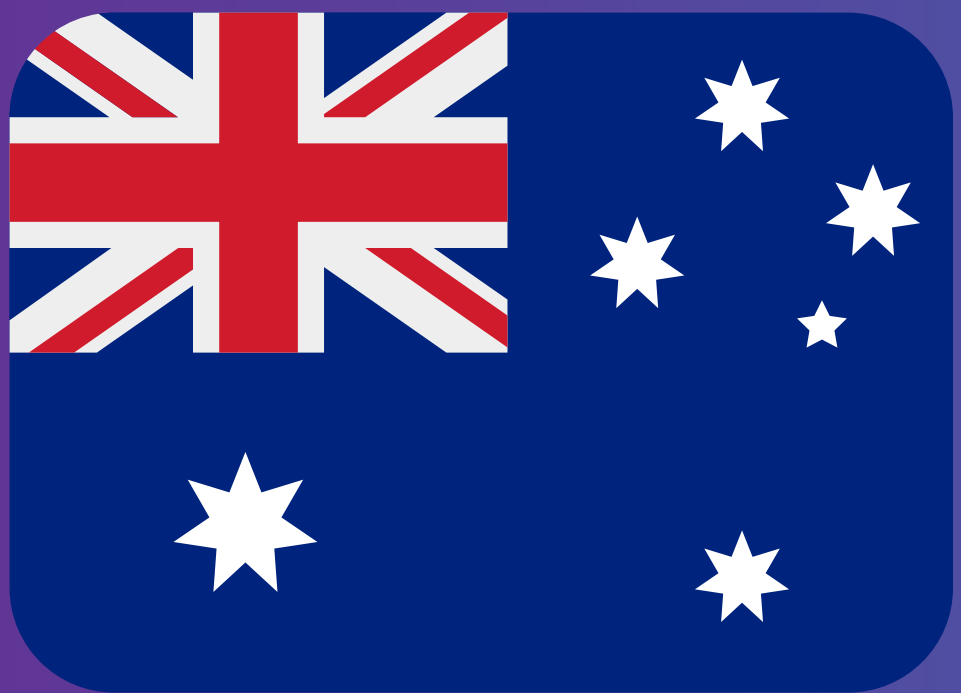




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Maylands, WA



Thank you,
Paul Anderson



ARGENTINA



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Argentina

2023 - Año de la Juventud para liderar el desarrollo sostenible y la economía del conocimiento; de la resiliencia ante el cambio climático y de la agricultura familiar como sistema productivo que garantiza la soberanía alimentaria

RECEBIDO
09 MAYO 2023
CÁMARA DE REPRESENTANTES
PROVINCIA DE MISSIONES

PROYECTO DE DECLARACIÓN
LA CÁMARA DE REPRESENTANTES DE LA PROVINCIA
DECLARA

PRIMERO: Se declara de interés provincial, la semana internacional de los cielos oscuros, del 15 al 22 de abril del corriente,

SEGUNDO: Remitir copia al Poder Ejecutivo; al Ministerio de turismo, Subsecretaría de Ecoturismo.

FIEGE KAREN VICTORIA
DIPUTADA PROVINCIAL
Frente Renovador de la Concordia
Cámara de Representantes
Provincia de Misiones

Cesino Jorge Martin
Diputado Provincial
Presidente del Bloque
Frente Renovador de la Concordia
Cámara de Representantes
Provincia de Misiones

Lic. SUZEL VAIDER
DIPUTADA PROVINCIAL
Cámara de Representantes
Misiones

FUNDAMENTOS

El Ministerio de Turismo a través de la Subsecretaría de Ecoturismo durante los días 15 al 22 de abril adhiere a la semana internacional de los cielos oscuros, destacando destinos provinciales cuyo modelo sustentable, serán las bases de exportar los conocimientos y prácticas a todos los ambientes que se relacionen con los destinos de naturaleza.

Puede parecer inofensivo, pero la contaminación lumínica tiene consecuencias de largo alcance que son dañinas para todos los seres vivos. La iluminación exterior efectiva reduce la contaminación lumínica, lo que conduce a una mejor calidad de vida para todos. El movimiento del cielo oscuro está trabajando para brindar una mejor iluminación a las comunidades de todo el mundo para que toda la vida pueda prosperar.

Junto con la Promoción mediante la Asociación Internacional de Cielos Oscuros (Darksaky) se busca ratificar el correcto desempeño de estas actividades en Misiones y por ello, Bettymaya Foott, Directivo de Relaciones Institucionales, recorrerá el Territorio Misionero, llevando consigo la experiencia de sentir la Naturaleza en Misiones, bajo esta campaña.

Thank you, Ministry of Tourism,
House of Representatives, &
Assistant Secretary of Ecotourism



CANADA



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Sent by email

February 24, 2023

Uthayan Thuraiarajah
uthayan.t.rajah@gmail.com

Subject: International Dark Sky Week Proclamation
File: S-4210-001

Thank you for your correspondence received February 14, 2023, requesting an official proclamation from the City of Pickering. On behalf of the City of Pickering and its Members of Council, I am pleased to enclose a proclamation declaring April 15 – April 22, 2023 to be International Sky Week in the City of Pickering.

Best wishes for a successful campaign.

Yours truly

Kevin Ashe
Mayor, City of Pickering

Copy: Members of Council
City Clerk

Pickering, Ontario

Thank you, Mayor Ashe

City of
PICKERING

Proclamation Certificate

Members of Council for
The Corporation of the City of Pickering
Hereby Proclaim

April 15 – April 22, 2023

As
International Sky Week

In the City of Pickering

Dated this 24th day of February, 2023

Kevin Ashe
Mayor



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Vaughan, Ontario

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2023

44. PROCLAMATION REQUESTS

BE A DONOR MONTH AND INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK (IDSW) (Addendum No. 2)

MOVED by Councillor DeFrancesca
seconded by Councillor Martow

That the following recommendation contained in the report of the Acting Deputy City Manager, Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor, dated March 21, 2023, be approved:

Recommendations

1. That April 2023 be proclaimed as "BeADonor Month";
2. That the week of April 15 – April 22, 2023, be proclaimed as "International Dark Sky Week (IDSW)"; and,
3. That the proclamations be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

CARRIED

Thank you, City of Vaughan



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Whitby,
Ontario



PROCLAMATION

The Council of
The Corporation of the Town of Whitby
Hereby Proclaims

April 15th to 22nd, 2023

as

International Dark Sky Week

In the Town of Whitby
Dated this 28th day of March, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Elizabeth Roy", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Elizabeth Roy

Thank you,
Mayor Roy



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Richmond Hill, Ontario



Mayor David West

T 905-771-2480

F 905-771-2500

david.west@richmondhill.ca



April 3, 2023



Re: International Dark Sky Week - April 15-22, 2023

Your request to proclaim April 15-22, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week has been approved and is recognized by the City of Richmond Hill.

Information relating to April 15-22, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week will be included on the City's website.

I would like to extend my appreciation and support to International Dark-Sky Association for your valuable contribution to the Richmond Hill community.

If you require further information, please contact Gina Biris, Office of the Clerk, at (905) 747-6406.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David West".

Mayor David West
City of Richmond Hill

225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill, ON. L4B 3P4
905.771.2480 | officemayor@richmondhill.ca | RichmondHill.ca

Thank you, Mayor West



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Markham, Ontario



PROCLAMATION

The Mayor and Members of Council
For
The City of Markham

hereby

Proclaim

April 22nd to April 30th, 2023

as

International Dark Sky Week



Frank Scarpitti
Frank Scarpitti
Mayor



Thank you,
Mayor Scarpitti



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King City, Ontario



King Township
2585 King Road
King City, Ontario
Canada L7B 1A1

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Fax: 905.833.2300
Website: www.king.ca

March 10, 2023



**Re: Request for Proclamation
"Proclaim April 15 to 22nd, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week"**

Thank you for reaching out on behalf of the International Dark-Sky Association to request that King Township proclaim April 15 to 22, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week. While we recognize the importance of highlighting the adverse effects of light pollution and the need to advocate for community-friendly lighting to support healthy nighttime environments, King Township no longer issues formal proclamations.

I will ensure that April 15 to 22nd is identified as 'Dark Sky Week' on our community calendar and additionally, I will share the articles you have provided with Council and on the community calendar.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Cudnik".

Suzanne Cudnik
Administrative Clerk – Licencing and Public Services

c.c. Mayor Pellegrini
Council

Thank you, Suzanne Cudnik



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Brampton, Ontario



PROCLAMATION

DARK SKY WEEK

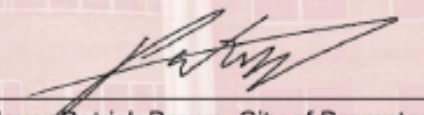
WHEREAS: Light pollution has established economic and environmental consequences, which have resulted in significant impacts on ecology and human health in all communities.

80 percent of the world's population, including many people in the province of Ontario, live under a dome of light pollution. Excessive artificial lighting at night, including light directed upward into the sky, contributes to light pollution.

The International Dark-Sky Association is the globally recognized authority on light pollution and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness about light pollution and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection, enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

During this week, residents are asked to ponder upon this important issue while raising awareness and support for the protection of our precious dark skies.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023 as "Dark Sky Week" in the City of Brampton.



Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton

Thank you, Mayor Brown



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Clarington, Ontario



Proclamation

The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington

Hereby Proclaims

April 15-22, 2023

As

International Dark-Sky Week

On behalf of Mayor Adrian Foster and
Members of Clarington Council

Mayor Adrian Foster
Municipality of Clarington

Clarington

**Thank you,
Mayor Foster**



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ITALY



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Aisone, Cuneo



COMUNE DI AISONE

Provincia di Cuneo
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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION - PROCLAMATION OF INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK - April 15-22, 2023

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Italy, lives under a dome of light pollution — excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness — and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly €1 billion per year of wasted energy in Italy and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, South-Western Alps host some of the last dark skies left in Europe where it is still possible to observe an almost unpolluted sky; and

WHEREAS, Gardetta plateau and nearby valleys were brought to the attention of UNESCO with the case study "Western Alpine and Grana Valley Sky Sanctuary, Italy" as astronomical heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Alps are home to dozens of endemic and endangered wildlife species and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, Arizona U.S.A., is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Now, Therefore, I, TROCELLO PIETRO, SINDACO OF COMUNE DI AISONE/CUNEO/ITALIA, do hereby declare April 15-22, 2023 as

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

In the territory of AISONE/CUNEO/ITALIA and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

Aisone, 03.03.2023

IL SINDACO
TROCELLO Pietro



Thank you, Mayor Trocello



COMUNE DI BERNEZZO

PROVINCIA DI CUNEO

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION - PROCLAMATION OF

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK - April 15-22, 2023

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

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WHEREAS, Gardetta plateau and nearby valleys were brought to the attention of UNESCO with the case study "Western Alpine and Grana Valley Sky Sanctuary, Italy" as astronomical heritage; and

Bernezzo, Cuneo

Thank you, Mayor Bono

WHEREAS, the Alps are home to dozens of endemic and endangered wildlife species and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, Arizona USA, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Now, Therefore, I, Lorenzo Bono, Mayor of the Municipality of Bernezzo, do hereby declare April 15-22, 2023 as

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

in the territory of Municipality of Bernezzo, province of Cuneo in Italy and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

Bernezzo, 3rd March 2023



The Mayor
Lorenzo BONO



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COMUNE DI CARAGLIO
(Provincia di Cuneo)

VERBALE DI DELIBERAZIONE
DELLA GIUNTA COMUNALE

N. 45

OGGETTO: PROCLAMAZIONE DELLA SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL
CIELO OSCURO 15-22 APRILE 2023.

L'anno **duemilaventitre**, addì **quindici**, del mese di **febbraio**, alle ore **18:30** nella sala delle
adunanze.

Prevvia l'osservanza di tutte le formalità prescritte dalla vigente legge, vennero oggi convocati a seduta i
componenti la Giunta Comunale.

All'appello risultano:

Cognome e Nome	Carica	Presenti	Assenti
FALCO Paola	Sindaco	X	
SERRA Martina	Vice Sindaco	X	
PAROLA Davide Felice	Assessore	X	
LERDA Giorgio	Assessore	X	
ARNAUD Flavio	Assessore	X	
		Totale Presenti:	5
		Totale Assenti:	0

Partecipa all'adunanza l'infrascritto Segretario Comunale **Dr.ssa Lorella GHIBAUDO** il quale provvede
alla redazione del presente verbale.
Essendo legale il numero degli intervenuti, **Paola FALCO** nella sua qualità di SINDACO assume la
presidenza e dichiara aperta la seduta per la trattazione dell'oggetto sopra indicato.

Caraglio, Cuneo

LA GIUNTA COMUNALE

PREMESSO CHE:

- la bellezza estetica e la meraviglia di un cielo notturno naturale è un patrimonio condiviso di tutta l'umanità; e
- l'esperienza di trovarsi sotto un cielo notturno stellato ispira sentimenti di stupore e incoraggia un crescente interesse per la scienza e la natura, soprattutto tra i giovani e i visitatori esterni all'interno delle comunità locali; e
- l'inquinamento luminoso ha conseguenze economiche e ambientali scientificamente accertate, che si traducono in impatti significativi sull'ecologia e sulla salute umana di tutte le comunità; e
- l'80 per cento della popolazione mondiale, comprese molte persone in Italia, vive sotto una cupola di inquinamento luminoso — illuminazione artificiale eccessiva di notte che interrompe l'oscurità naturale — e potrebbe non sperimentare mai meraviglia visiva o benefici ecologici e per la salute di vivere sotto un cielo scuro; e

CONSIDERATO che l'inquinamento luminoso rappresenta uno spreco di risorse naturali pari a circa 1 miliardo di euro all'anno di energia sprecata in Italia e contribuisce alla diminuzione della sicurezza energetica;

PREMESSO CHE l'arca delle Alpi sud occidentali ospita alcuni tra gli ultimi cieli bui d'Europa dove è possibile ancora ammirare un cielo quasi incontaminato dall'inquinamento luminoso; e

CONSIDERANDO che i territori dell'altopiano della Gardetta e delle valli limitrofe sono stati portati all'attenzione dell'UNESCO attraverso il caso di studio "Western Alpine and Grana valley Sky Sanctuary Italy" come patrimonio immateriale del cielo buio;

PREMESSO CHE le Alpi ospitano moltissime specie protette ed endemiche, di dozzine di specie selvatiche notturne, che si affidano ad ambienti notturni indisturbati per cacciare, accoppiarsi e prosperare;

PREMESSO CHE, l'International Dark-Sky Association, con sede in Arizona USA, è l'autorità riconosciuta a livello mondiale sull'inquinamento luminoso e ha creato l'International Dark Sky Week per aumentare la consapevolezza dell'inquinamento luminoso e fornire istruzione gratuita, risorse e soluzioni per il pubblico per incoraggiare la protezione e il godimento dei cieli bui e un'illuminazione esterna responsabile.

RILEVATO che l'Associazione SIDERALIS APS con sede in Valgrana – Fr. Cavaliggi 35 che ha come suo scopo la divulgazione dell'astronomia, la tutela e l'educazione ambientale, ha chiesto il sostegno nell'aiutare a proteggere i cieli oscuri attraverso la realizzazione dell'International Dark Sky Week", che si terrà in tutto il mondo dal 15 al 22 aprile 2023. L'International Dark Sky Week aumenterà la consapevolezza dell'inquinamento luminoso e fornirà soluzioni per proteggere i cieli bui godendo di una buona illuminazione esterna. Attraverso questa settimana di attività, laboratori ed eventi l'Associazione, chiede di appoggiare l'iniziativa con una delibera proclamando L'International Dark Sky Week 2023.

CONSIDERATO, inoltre, che l'Associazione dedicherà un evento per comune durante l'arco della suddetta settimana, organizzando narrando i temi dell'astronomia e della tutela ambientale, con attività dedicate alle famiglie e ai bambini.

CONSTATATO l'elevato valore sociale dell'iniziativa;

Letto, approvato e sottoscritto.

IL PRESIDENTE
Firmato digitalmente
Paola FALCO

IL SEGRETARIO COMUNALE
Firmato digitalmente
Dr.ssa Lorella GHIBAUDO

Ai sensi dell'art. 3 della Legge 7.8.1990 n. 241 e s.m.i. avverso la presente deliberazione può essere presentato ricorso straordinario al Capo dello Stato entro 120 giorni ovvero al Tribunale Amministrativo Regionale entro 60 giorni dalla sua piena conoscenza tramite la pubblicazione all'Albo Pretorio del Comune.

DATO ATTO CHE l'Amministrazione comunale ritiene doveroso partecipare;

ACQUISITI i pareri favorevole del Responsabile del Servizio competente circa la regolarità tecnica del presente provvedimento ai sensi degli artt. 49 e 147 bis del D.Lgs. n. 267 del 18.08.2000;

VISTO il vigente Regolamento Comunale in materia;

VISTO lo Statuto Comunale;

con votazione unanime favorevole, espressa in forma palese per alzata di mano;

DELIBERA

- di richiamare la sopra esposta premessa a far parte integrante e sostanziale del presente provvedimento;
- di aderire alla richiesta dell'Associazione SIDERALIS APS con sede in Valgrana – Fr. Cavaliggi 35 e di dichiarare il periodo 15 22 aprile 2023 come SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO OSCURO Nel territorio del comune di CARAGLIO – CN - ITALIA e chiede a ogni residente di unirsi a noi, non solo nell'osservare e riflettere su questa importante settimana, ma anche nell'aumentare la consapevolezza e il sostegno per proteggere le nostre preziose risorse dei cieli oscuri

successivamente, con votazione unanime espressa per alzata di mano;

DELIBERA

Di dichiarare la presente deliberazione immediatamente eseguibile ai sensi del 4° comma dell'art. 134 del D.Lgs. n° 267 del 18.08.2000.



THANK YOU, CITY OF DRONERO

DEMONTE, CUNEO



PROVINCIA DI CUNEO
COMUNE DI DEMONTE

VERBALE DI DELIBERAZIONE DELLA GIUNTA COMUNALE N.14

OGGETTO:

**PROCLAMAZIONE DELLA SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO
SCURO - 15-22 Aprile 2023**

L'anno duemilaventitre addì nove del mese di febbraio alle ore quindici e minuti zero nella solita sala delle adunanze, regolarmente convocata, si è riunita, la Giunta Comunale, nelle persone dei Signori:

Cognome e Nome	Presente
1. BERNARDI Adriano - Sindaco	Sì
2. PORRACCHIA Laura Margherita - Vice Sindaco	Sì
3. GIRAUDO Sergio Antonio - Assessore	Sì
Totale Presenti:	3
Totale Assenti:	0

Assiste all'adunanza il Segretario Comunale Signor Ghibaudò Dr.ssa Lorella il quale provvede alla redazione del presente verbale.

Il Presidente, riconosciuta legale l'adunanza, dichiara aperta la seduta.

LA GIUNTA COMUNALE

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind;

and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities;

and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities;

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WHEREAS, the Alps are home to dozens of endemic and endangered wildlife species and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive;

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WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, Arizona U.S.A., is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Now, Therefore, LA GIUNTA DEL COMUNE DI DEMONTE (CN) – of ITALY do hereby declare April 15-22, 2023 as

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

In the territory of COMUNE DI DEMONTE – ITALIA and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

Letto, confermato e sottoscritto

IL SINDACO

Firmato digitalmente
BERNARDI Adriano

IL SEGRETARIO COMUNALE

Firmato digitalmente
Ghibaudò Dr.ssa Lorella

Firmato digitalmente da:

Adriano Bernardi

Data: 13/02/2023 08:37:23

Firmato digitalmente da:

Lorella Ghibaudò

Data: 13/02/2023 08:35:55



THANK YOU, MUNICIPALITY OF DEMONTE



CITTÀ DI DRONERO
Provincia di Cuneo

Medaglia d'oro al merito civile

**VERBALE DI DELIBERAZIONE
DELLA GIUNTA COMUNALE**

N. 46

OGGETTO: PROCLAMAZIONE DELLA SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO SCURO - 15/22 APRILE 2023.

L'anno **duemilaventitre**, addì **sedici**, del mese di **febbraio**, alle ore **10:30** nella solita sala delle riunioni.

Previo esaurimento delle formalità prescritte dalla vigente Legge Comunale e Provinciale, vennero per oggi convocati i componenti di questa Giunta Comunale.

Sono presenti i Signori:

Cognome e Nome	Carica	Presenti	Assenti
ASTESANO Mauro	SINDACO	X	
ARNAUDO Mauro	ASSESSORE	X	
GERBAUDO Maria Grazia	ASSESSORE	X	
BIMA Marica	ASSESSORE		X
GIORDANO Carlo	ASSESSORE	X	
Totale Presenti:		4	
Totale Assenti:			1

Assiste quale Segretario Comunale **MANFREDI DOTT.SSA MARIAGRAZIA**.

Essendo legale il numero degli intervenuti, **ASTESANO Mauro** nella sua qualità di **SINDACO** assume la presidenza e dichiara aperta la seduta per la trattazione dell'oggetto sopra indicato.

Dronero, Cuneo

OGGETTO: PROCLAMAZIONE DELLA SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO SCURO - 15/22 APRILE 2023.

LA GIUNTA COMUNALE

PREMESSO CHE:

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- l'esperienza di trovarsi sotto un cielo notturno stellato ispira sentimenti di stupore e incoraggia un crescente interesse per la scienza e la natura, soprattutto tra i giovani e i visitatori esterni all'interno delle comunità locali;
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CONSIDERATO che l'inquinamento luminoso rappresenta uno spreco di risorse naturali pari a circa 1 miliardo di euro all'anno di energia sprecata in Italia e contribuisce alla diminuzione della sicurezza energetica;

DATO ATTO CHE l'area delle Alpi sud occidentali ospita alcuni tra gli ultimi cieli bui d'Europa dove è possibile ancora ammirare un cielo quasi incontaminato dall'inquinamento luminoso;

CONSIDERATO che i territori dell'altopiano della Gardetta e delle valli limitrofe sono stati portati all'attenzione dell'UNESCO attraverso il caso di studio "Western Alpine and Grana valley Sky Sanctuary Italy" come patrimonio immateriale del cielo buio;

PRESO ATTO CHE le Alpi ospitano moltissime specie protette ed endemiche, di dozzine di specie selvatiche notturne, che si affidano ad ambienti notturni indisturbati per cacciare, accoppiarsi e prosperare;

CONSIDERATO CHE, l'International Dark-Sky Association, con sede in Arizona U.S.A., è l'autorità riconosciuta a livello mondiale sull'inquinamento luminoso e ha creato l'International Dark Sky Week per aumentare la consapevolezza dell'inquinamento luminoso e fornire istruzione gratuita, risorse e soluzioni per il pubblico per incoraggiare la protezione e il godimento dei cieli bui e un'illuminazione esterna responsabile;

RITENUTO di dichiarare il periodo 15-22 aprile 2023 come "SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO SCURO" nel territorio del Comune di Dronero;

ACQUISITO il parere espresso sotto il profilo della regolarità tecnica dal Responsabile del Servizio Amministrativo, ai sensi dell'art. 49 D.L.vo 267/00;

Data lettura del presente verbale, viene approvato e sottoscritto digitalmente ai sensi del D.Lgs. 82/2005

IL PRESIDENTE
Firmato digitalmente
ASTESANO Mauro

IL SEGRETARIO COMUNALE
Firmato digitalmente
MANFREDI Dott.ssa Mariagrazia

RICORSI

Contro il presente provvedimento è possibile presentare ricorso:

- Al T.A.R. del Piemonte entro 60 giorni dalla pubblicazione;
- al Tribunale Amministrativo della Repubblica entro 120 giorni dalla pubblicazione.

Con votazione unanime e favorevole espressa per alzata di mano;

DELIBERA

- di dichiarare il periodo 15-22 aprile 2023 come "SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO SCURO" nel territorio del Comune di Dronero e di chiedere a ogni residente di unirsi all'Amministrazione Comunale non solo nell'osservare e riflettere su questa importante settimana, ma anche nell'aumentare la consapevolezza e il sostegno per proteggere le nostre preziose risorse dei cieli oscuri.


DOPODICHÉ,
i medesimi componenti la Giunta Comunale con separata ed unanime votazione deliberano di dichiarare con successiva separata ed unanime votazione il presente atto immediatamente eseguibile ex art. 134- 4° comma D.Lvo 18.08.2000, n. 267, al fine di poter promuovere e dare la necessaria diffusione a tale iniziativa.



THANK YOU, CITY OF DRONERO

MONTEROSSO GRANA, CUNEO

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COMUNE DI MONTEROSSO GRANA

PROVINCIA DI CUNEO

VERBALE DI DELIBERAZIONE
DELLA GIUNTA COMUNALE N.10

OGGETTO: PROCLAMAZIONE DELLA SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE
DEL CIELO SCURO - 15/22 APRILE 2023.

L'anno duemilaventitre addi sedici del mese di febbraio alle ore tredici e minuti zero nella solita sala delle adunanze, previa l'osservanza di tutte le formalità prescritte dalla vigente normativa, vennero per oggi convocati i componenti di questa Giunta Comunale, nelle persone dei Signori:

Cognome e Nome	Presente
1. ISAIA Stefano - Sindaco	Si
2. DURBANO Giovanni Battista - Vice Sindaco	Si
3. ISOARDI Renato - Assessore	Si
Totale Presenti:	3
Totale Assenti:	0

Con l'intervento e l'opera del Segretario Comunale **SILVESTRI Dr.ssa Luisa** il quale provvede alla redazione del presente verbale.

Essendo legale il numero degli intervenuti, **ISAIA Stefano - Sindaco** assume la presidenza e dichiara aperta la seduta per la trattazione dell'oggetto sopra indicato.

LA GIUNTA COMUNALE

Premesso che:

- la bellezza estetica e la meraviglia di un cielo notturno naturale è un patrimonio condiviso di tutta l'umanità;
- l'esperienza di trovarsi sotto un cielo notturno stellato ispira sentimenti di stupore e incoraggia un crescente interesse per la scienza e la natura, soprattutto tra i giovani e i visitatori esterni all'interno delle comunità locali;
- l'inquinamento luminoso ha conseguenze economiche e ambientali scientificamente accertate, che si traducono in impatti significativi sull'ecologia e sulla salute umana di tutte le comunità;
- l'ottanta per cento della popolazione mondiale, comprese molte persone in Italia, vive sotto una cupola di inquinamento luminoso — illuminazione artificiale eccessiva di notte che interrompe l'oscurità naturale — e potrebbe non sperimentare mai la meraviglia visiva o benefici ecologici e per la salute di vivere sotto un cielo scuro;

Considerato che l'inquinamento luminoso rappresenta uno spreco di risorse naturali pari a circa 1 miliardo di euro all'anno di energia sprecata in Italia e contribuisce alla diminuzione della sicurezza energetica;

Dato atto che l'area delle Alpi sud occidentali ospita alcuni tra gli ultimi cieli bui d'Europa dove è possibile ancora ammirare un cielo quasi incontaminato dall'inquinamento luminoso;

Considerato che i territori dell'altopiano della Gardetta e delle valli limitrofe sono stati portati all'attenzione dell'UNESCO attraverso il caso di studio "Western Alpine and Grana valley Sky Sanctuary Italy" come patrimonio immateriale del cielo buio;

Preso atto che le Alpi ospitano moltissime specie protette ed endemiche, di dozzine di specie selvatiche notturne, che si affidano ad ambienti notturni indisturbati per cacciare, accoppiarsi e prosperare;

Considerato che, l'International Dark-Sky Association, con sede in Arizona U.S.A., è l'autorità riconosciuta a livello mondiale sull'inquinamento luminoso e ha creato l'International Dark Sky Week per aumentare la consapevolezza dell'inquinamento luminoso e fornire istruzione gratuita, risorse e soluzioni per il pubblico per incoraggiare la protezione e il godimento dei cieli bui e un'illuminazione esterna responsabile.

Ritenuto di dichiarare il periodo 15-22 aprile 2023 come SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO OSCURO nel territorio del Comune di Monterosso Grana

Acquisito sulla presente, con esito favorevole, il prescritto parere in ordine alla regolarità tecnica-amministrativa, espresso dal Segretario Comunale, art. 49, D. Lgs. 267/2000 e ss.mm.ii..

Con votazione unanime e favorevole palesemente espressa per alzata di mano

DELIBERA

di dichiarare il periodo 15-22 aprile 2023 come SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO OSCURO nel territorio del Comune di Monterosso Grana e di chiedere a ogni residente di unirsi all'iniziativa, non solo nell'osservare e riflettere su questa importante settimana, ma anche nell'aumentare la consapevolezza e il sostegno per proteggere le nostre preziose risorse dei cieli oscuri.

Con successiva, separata ed unanime votazione la presente deliberazione viene dichiarata immediatamente eseguibile ex art. 134 D.Lgs. 267/00.

Letto, confermato e sottoscritto

Il Sindaco

F.to : ISAIA Stefano

Il Segretario Comunale

F.to : SILVESTRI Dr.ssa Luisa

Pareri ai sensi dell'art.49, 1° comma del D.Lgs. 18 agosto 2000, n. 267

Parere	Esito	Data	Il Responsabile
PARERE TECNICO AMMINISTRATIVO	Favorevole	16/02/2023	F.to:SILVESTRI D.ssa Luisa

CERTIFICATO DI PUBBLICAZIONE

N. _____ del Registro Pubblicazioni

La presente deliberazione è stata pubblicata all'Albo Pretorio del Comune per 15 giorni consecutivi con decorrenza dal _____ al _____, come prescritto dall'art.124, 1° comma, del D.Lgs. 18 agosto 2000, n. 267.

Monterosso Grana, li _____

Il Segretario Comunale
F.to:SILVESTRI Dr.ssa Luisa

E' copia conforme all'originale, in carta semplice, per uso amministrativo.

Il, _____

Il Segretario Comunale
SILVESTRI Dr.ssa Luisa

DICHIARAZIONE DI ESECUTIVITA'

DIVENUTA ESECUTIVA IN DATA _____

[_____] Dichiarata immediatamente eseguibile (art. 134, 4° comma, D.Lgs. 18 agosto 2000, n. 267)

[X]Per la scadenza dei 10 giorni della pubblicazione (art. 134, 3° comma, D.Lgs. 18 agosto 2000, n. 267)

Il Segretario Comunale
SILVESTRI Dr.ssa Luisa



THANK YOU, MUNICIPALITY OF MONTEROSO GRANA



COMUNE DI ROCCABRUNA
Provincia di Cuneo

VERBALE DI DELIBERAZIONE
DELLA GIUNTA COMUNALE
N.28

OGGETTO:

PROCLAMAZIONE DELLA SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO OSCURO - 15/22 APRILE 2023.

L'anno duemilaventitre addì ventuno del mese di febbraio alle ore tredici e minuti quindici in solita sala delle riunioni.

Previo esaurimento delle formalità prescritte dalla vigente Legge Comunale e Provinciale, vennero per oggi convocati i componenti di questa Giunta Comunale, nelle persone dei Signori:

Cognome e Nome	Presente
1. ARNEODO MARCO - Sindaco	SI
2. GIANTI MASSIMO - Vice Sindaco	SI
3. INAUDI ILENIA - Assessore	SI
Totale Presenti:	3
Totale Assenti:	0

Assiste quale Segretario Comunale Signor MANFREDI Mariagrazia.

Essendo legale il numero degli intervenuti il Sig. ARNEODO MARCO assume la presidenza, dichiara aperta la seduta per la trattazione dell'oggetto suindicato.



Roccabruna, Cuneo

LA GIUNTA COMUNALE

PREMESSO CHE:

- la bellezza estetica e la meraviglia di un cielo notturno naturale è un patrimonio condiviso di tutta l'umanità;
- l'esperienza di trovarsi sotto un cielo notturno stellato ispira sentimenti di stupore e incoraggia un crescente interesse per la scienza e la natura, soprattutto tra i giovani e i visitatori esterni all'interno delle comunità locali;
- l'inquinamento luminoso ha conseguenze economiche e ambientali scientificamente accertate, che si traducono in impatti significativi sull'ecologia e sulla salute umana di tutte le comunità;
- l'ottanta per cento della popolazione mondiale, comprese molte persone in Italia, vive sotto una cupola di inquinamento luminoso — illuminazione artificiale eccessiva di notte che interrompe l'oscurità naturale — e potrebbe non sperimentare mai la meraviglia visiva o benefici ecologici e per la salute di vivere sotto un cielo scuro;

CONSIDERATO che l'inquinamento luminoso rappresenta uno spreco di risorse naturali pari a circa 1 miliardo di euro all'anno di energia sprecata in Italia e contribuisce alla diminuzione della sicurezza energetica;

DATO ATTO CHE l'area delle Alpi sud occidentali ospita alcuni tra gli ultimi cieli bui d'Europa dove è possibile ancora ammirare un cielo quasi incontaminato dall'inquinamento luminoso;

CONSIDERATO che i territori dell'altopiano della Gardetta e delle valli limitrofe sono stati portati all'attenzione dell'UNESCO attraverso il caso di studio "Western Alpine and Grana valley Sky Sanctuary Italy" come patrimonio immateriale del cielo buio;

PRESO ATTO CHE le Alpi ospitano moltissime specie protette ed endemiche, di dozzine di specie selvatiche notturne, che si affidano ad ambienti notturni indisturbati per cacciare, accoppiarsi e prosperare;

CONSIDERATO CHE, l'International Dark-Sky Association, con sede in Arizona U.S.A., è l'autorità riconosciuta a livello mondiale sull'inquinamento luminoso e ha creato l'International Dark Sky Week per aumentare la consapevolezza dell'inquinamento luminoso e fornire istruzione gratuita, risorse e soluzioni per il pubblico per incoraggiare la protezione e il godimento dei cieli bui e un'illuminazione esterna responsabile;

RITENUTO di dichiarare il periodo 15-22 aprile 2023 come "SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO OSCURO" nel territorio del Comune di Roccabruna;

ACQUISITO il parere espresso sotto il profilo della regolarità tecnica dal Responsabile del Servizio Amministrativo, ai sensi dell'art. 49 D.L.vo 267/00;
Con votazione unanime e favorevole espressa per alzata di mano;

Del che si è redatto il presente atto verbale letto, confermato e sottoscritto.

IL PRESIDENTE
Firmato Digitalmente
F.to : ARNEODO MARCO

IL SEGRETARIO COMUNALE
Firmato Digitalmente
F.to : MANFREDI Mariagrazia

E' copia conforme all'originale firmato digitalmente, per gli atti consentiti dalla legge.

Il, 04/03/2023



Il Segretario Comunale
MANFREDI Mariagrazia

DELIBERA

- di dichiarare il periodo 15-22 aprile 2023 come "SETTIMANA INTERNAZIONALE DEL CIELO OSCURO" nel territorio del Comune di Roccabruna e di chiedere a ogni residente di unirsi all'Amministrazione Comunale non solo nell'osservare e riflettere su questa importante settimana, ma anche nell'aumentare la consapevolezza e il sostegno per proteggere le nostre preziose risorse dei cieli oscuri.

DOPODICHÉ,

i medesimi componenti la Giunta Comunale con separata ed unanime votazione deliberano di dichiarare con successiva separata ed unanime votazione il presente atto immediatamente eseguibile ex art. 134- 4° comma D.L.vo 18.08.2000, n. 267, al fine di poter promuovere e dare la necessaria diffusione a tale iniziativa.

THANK YOU, MUNICIPALITY OF ROCCABRUNA



COMUNE DI VALGRANA

Provincia di Cuneo

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION - PROCLAMATION OF INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK - April 15-22, 2023

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Italy, lives under a dome of light pollution — excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness — and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly €1 billion per year of wasted energy in Italy and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, South-Western Alps host some of the last dark skies left in Europe where it is still possible to observe an almost unpolluted sky; and

WHEREAS, Gardetta plateau and nearby valleys were brought to the attention of UNESCO with the case study "Western Alpine and Grana Valley Sky Sanctuary, Italy" as astronomical heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Alps are home to dozens of endemic and endangered wildlife species and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, Arizona USA, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Now, Therefore, I, SINDACO del COMUNE DI VALGRANA (CN) do hereby declare April 15-22, 2023 as

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

Valgrana, Cuneo

Thank you, Mayor Arlotto



COMUNE DI VALGRANA

Provincia di Cuneo

In the territory of COMUNE DI VALGRANA (CN) and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

City and date
Valgrana, 21/02/2023

Stamp and signature

IL SINDACO

ARLOTTO ALBINO



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EASTBOURNE, SOUTH EAST ENGLAND



International Dark Sky Week

Eastbourne Borough Council is lighting the Town Hall clock red to mark International Dark Sky Week which started on April 15 and runs until April 22.

During the week, people are encouraged to switch off unnecessary lights and observe the wonder of the night sky without light pollution.

In 2016, the South Downs National Park became an International Dark Sky Reserve, the second of its kind in England and one of only 16 in the world.

For more information about International Dark Sky Week visit <https://idsw.darksky.org/>

THANK YOU, EASTBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL



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Hidalgo, Mexico

DECLARACIÓN



Que, la Ley General del Equilibrio Ecológico y la Protección al Ambiente, reglamentaria de las disposiciones de la Constitución Política de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos en materia de preservación y restauración del equilibrio ecológico, tiene por objeto la protección al ambiente, en el territorio nacional y las zonas sobre las que la nación ejerce su soberanía y jurisdicción, fijando las bases para garantizar el derecho de toda persona a vivir en un medio ambiente sano para su desarrollo, salud y bienestar; prevenir y controlar la contaminación del aire, garantizar la participación corresponsable de las personas, en forma individual o colectiva, en la preservación y restauración del equilibrio ecológico y la protección al ambiente.

Que, de conformidad con la fracción VI Bis del artículo 3 de la Ley referida, define a la Contaminación lumínica como el resplandor luminoso en ambientes nocturnos o brillo producido por la difusión y reflexión de la luz en los gases, aerosoles y partículas en suspensión en la atmósfera, que altera las condiciones naturales de luminosidad en horas nocturnas y dificultan las observaciones astronómicas de los objetos celestes, debido a la luz intrusa, debiendo distinguirse el brillo natural, atribuible a la radiación de fuentes u objetos celestes y a la luminiscencia de las capas altas de la atmósfera

Que, la Luminiscencia del cielo, es decir, la iluminación del cielo nocturno resulta del reflejo directo e indirecto de la radiación visible e invisible, dispersada por los constituyentes de la atmósfera, moléculas de gas, aerosoles y partículas en la dirección de la observación.

Que, para lograr la prevención, reducción y control de la contaminación lumínica en la atmósfera el artículo 110 Bis de la Ley General del Equilibrio Ecológico y la Protección al Ambiente, contempla como objetivo el corregir los efectos de la contaminación lumínica en el cielo nocturno y, en particular en el entorno de los observatorios astronómicos que trabajan dentro del espectro visible.

Que, la belleza estética y la maravilla de un cielo nocturno natural es un patrimonio compartido de toda la humanidad, asimismo, la experiencia de pararse bajo un cielo nocturno estrellado inspira sentimientos de asombro y fomenta un interés creciente en la ciencia y la naturaleza, especialmente entre la juventud.

Que, el 80% de la población mundial incluyendo la mayor parte de los habitantes del Estado de Hidalgo, viven bajo un domo de contaminación lumínica artificial excesiva por las noches, misma que interrumpe la oscuridad natural, por lo que esto puede ocasionar que la población nunca llegue a experimentar la maravilla visual o los beneficios ecológicos y para la salud que el vivir bajo un cielo oscuro implica.

Que, la contaminación lumínica tiene consecuencias económicas y ambientales ya que la misma representa en sí un desperdicio de recursos naturales, es por ello que resulta indispensable reducir significativamente la contaminación lumínica.

Que, la iluminación de las comunidades rurales, pueblos y colonias urbanas para el bienestar y seguridad de las personas no se contraponen con la conservación de los cielos oscuros, siempre y cuando se adopten sencillas medidas de iluminación racional y ecológica que, además, benefician la salud de las personas y fomentan el ahorro de los municipios.

Que, la Asociación Internacional de Cielo Oscuro con sede en Norteamérica, es la autoridad globalmente reconocida en materia de contaminación lumínica, creadora de la Semana Internacional de Cielo Oscuro, que tiene la finalidad de generar conciencia sobre la contaminación lumínica y proveer de recursos, educación y soluciones gratuitas al público en general para fomentar la protección y el disfrute de los cielos oscuros y la iluminación artificial nocturna responsable.

Que, el estado de Hidalgo en conjunto con la Asociación Internacional de Cielo Oscuro, tiene la intención de promover el proyecto del primer Parque Internacional de Cielo Oscuro en México, actualmente dicha Asociación ha reconocido a más de 200 parques alrededor del mundo, teniendo presencia en Estados Unidos, Europa y Asia.

Derivado de lo anteriormente expuesto, yo, Lic. Julio Menchaca Salazar, Gobernador Constitucional del Estado, por medio de la presente, declaro que el Estado de Hidalgo se adhiere a la celebración de la Semana Internacional de Cielo Oscuro en Hidalgo, que se llevará a cabo del 15 al 22 de abril de 2023.



Julio Menchaca Salazar
Gobernador del Estado Libre
y Soberano de Hidalgo



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Thank you,
Governor Menchaca



GRAND PORTAGE BAND



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Lake Superior Chippewa



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Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind and inherent to the character and allure of the state of Minnesota; and experiencing starry skies can encourage interest in science, nature and art especially among young people; and

WHEREAS, the Treaty of 1854 and along with other treaties signed with tribal nations, resulted in ceded territories to the federal government, which established the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, our ceded territory is home to some of the last remaining pristine dark skies in the United States east of the Mississippi River, which preserves the cultural connection to the night sky for all residents who proudly call Grand Portage and Minnesota home; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established negative economic, environmental, safety and health consequences, while dark skies have been scientifically linked to positive health and environmental effects, and ninety-nine percent of Americans, including the residents of Grand Portage live under light pollution; and

WHEREAS, light pollution results in a waste of three billion dollars per year in the United States and contributes to diminished national energy security while reducing light pollution could save Grand Portage residents, businesses, and government thousands of dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, Voyageurs National Park, was recently designated as an International Dark Sky Park and Boundary Waters Canoe Area, was recently designated as the largest International Dark Sky Sanctuary in the world and which attract thousands of visitors each year to enjoy the dark skies they offer, bringing economic benefits to Grand Portage and Northern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Grand Portage is located in a major migratory flyway in which hundreds of species of birds depend on darkness for safe migration and Minnesota is home to hundreds of species of nocturnal animals and insects that depend on darkness for survival; and

WHEREAS, Grand Portage is home to the Anishinaabeg, whose traditional practices include a sustainable way of living and appreciation of the night sky;

THEREFORE, I, ROBERT DESCHAMPE, Tribal Chairman of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, do hereby declare April 15 – 22, 2023 as

ANANGOKAA – *There is an Abundance of Stars* INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK

in the community of Grand Portage. I ask each resident to join the Tribal Council, not only in observing and reflecting upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky resources.

CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and adopted upon a vote of ____ for, ____ against, ____ silent, at a _____ meeting of the Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council, held on _____, 2023, a quorum being present, held in Grant Portage, Minnesota.

Robert F. Deschampe, Chairman

April M. McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer

GICHI ONIGAMIING – GREAT CARRYING PLACE

Thank you, Tribal Council



UNITED STATES



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Arizona

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
KATIE HOBBS

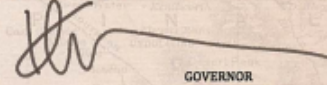
Commendation

WHEREAS, the beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is shared among many. The experience of standing beneath a starry night sky can inspire feelings of wonder while encouraging interest in science and nature; and
WHEREAS, studies show that nearly 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in Arizona, live in an area where light is prevalent; and
WHEREAS, Arizona has some of the largest telescopes in the world— including the world's largest optical telescope— and many of the world's most revered observatories, including the Lowell Observatory, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory/Whipple Observatory, the University of Arizona's MMT and Large Binocular Telescope Observatories, Kitt Peak National Observatory, and the Vatican Observatory; and
WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by Arizona Arts, Sciences, and Technology Academy, astronomy and planetary science in Arizona represent a capital investment of more than \$1.3 billion and an annual economic return of over \$250 million to the state. Related higher education and industry partnerships promote entrepreneurship and innovation while facilitating cutting-edge technology commercialization and attracting talent to the state; and
WHEREAS, Arizona is home to many endangered nocturnal species, including the critically endangered black-footed ferret and the lesser long-nosed bat, which rely on darkness to live and thrive; and
WHEREAS, many in Arizona, including the International Dark-Sky Association, headquartered in Tucson, encourage the protection and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting and recognize that darkness and dark skies, and the research and industry connected to them, offer significant educational, economic, environmental, and cultural benefits to those living in the state of Arizona.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby recognize April 15-22, 2023 as

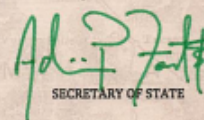
DARK-SKY WEEK

and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.
ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE



Thank you, Governor Hobbs

Katie Hobbs
Governor



EXECUTIVE OFFICE

STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Terms and Conditions

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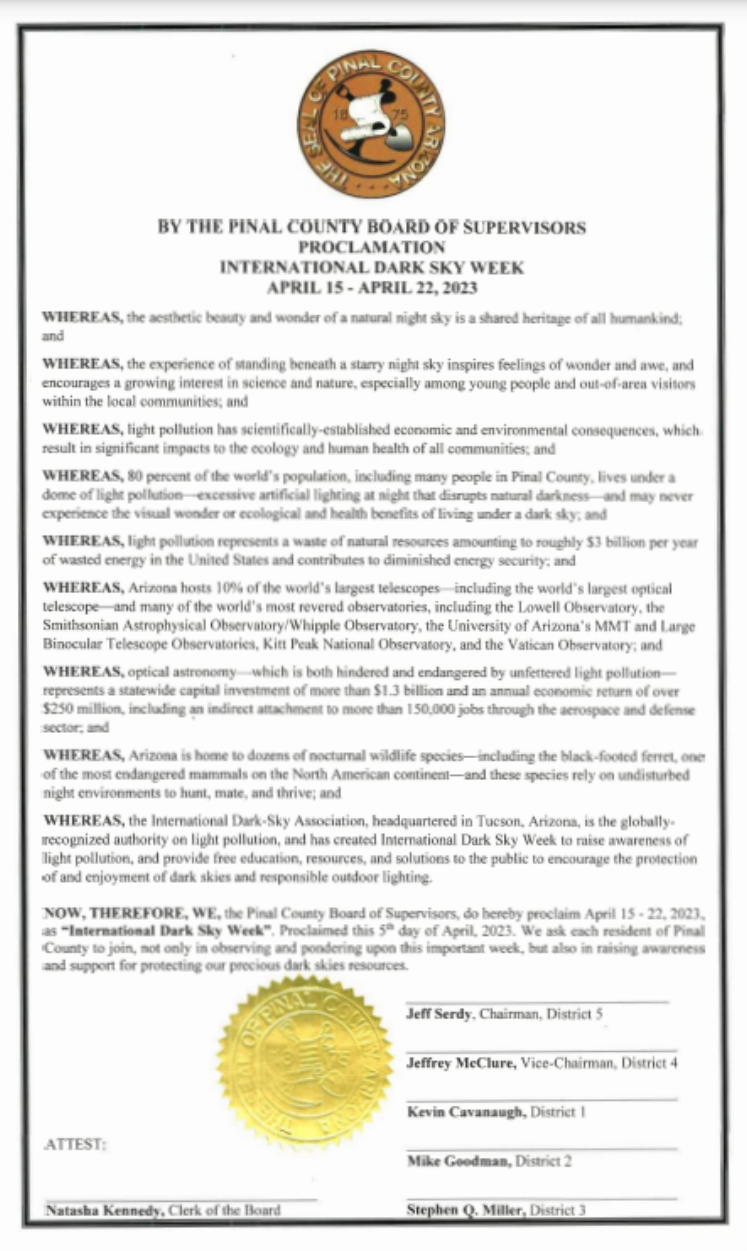
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PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA



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Protecting the beauty & natural resources of our valley since 1964

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 27, 2023

Carpinteria Valley Association

PO Box 27, Carpinteria, CA 93014 carpinteriavalleyassociation@gmail.com

CONTACT: Mike Wondolowski
President
Carpinteria Valley Association
805-284-1055
mwondo@cox.net

Carpinteria City Council proclaims the week of April 15-22, 2023 as "International Dark Sky Week" in the City of Carpinteria

Purpose of annual event is to raise awareness of light pollution and provide solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Carpinteria, CA (March 27, 2023) – In response to a request from the Carpinteria Valley Association (CVA), today the Carpinteria City Council issued a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 15-22, 2023 as "International Dark Sky Week" in the City of Carpinteria. Mike Wondolowski, CVA President noted, "The purpose of this annual international event is to raise awareness of light pollution and provide solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting."

The City's action affirms its recognition of the value of dark skies, not only to allow us all to experience the joy of seeing the Milky Way and the constellations, but also for the health of wildlife as well as people.

Dark skies are impacted by light pollution, mostly caused by upward-pointed lighting and resulting in a waste of natural resources amounting to at least \$3.3 billion and the release of 21 million tons of carbon dioxide per year in the United States.

"What is great is this is one of the rare forms of pollution that is completely reversible immediately – as soon as the light is turned off or pointed down, the pollution is gone, helping maintain the character of our small beach town," Wondolowski observed.

The Proclamation also "urges all residents to learn about night sky friendly lighting, implement practices and improvements that will reduce light pollution, and look up and experience the wonder of the star-filled night."

This year's International Dark Sky Week marks 20 years since the first event in 2003 created by a high school student in Virginia, and subsequently endorsed by the International Dark-Sky Association, the American Astronomical Society, the Astronomical League, and Sky & Telescope magazine.

The Carpinteria Valley Association (CVA) was founded in 1964, and continues its mission to preserve and enhance the rural beauty of the Carpinteria Valley, especially its open field agriculture, and to maintain the charm of Carpinteria and Summerland as small beach towns.

<http://www.facebook.com/carpinteriavalleyassociation/>

###END###



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARPINTERIA DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 15-22, 2023, AS "INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK"

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a star-filled night sky are the shared heritage of all humankind and the natural beauty of Carpinteria, including star-filled skies is valued by residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and fosters a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people within the Carpinteria community; and

WHEREAS, light pollution not only impacts the ability to see stars, but has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities, including Carpinteria; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to at least \$3.3 billion and the release of 21 million tons of carbon dioxide per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Carpinteria's natural places are impacted by light pollution that affects nocturnal animals and overall ecosystem health, especially in the local habitats of the Carpinteria Salt Marsh, Carpinteria Bluffs, local creeks, and nearby foothills; and

WHEREAS, reducing light pollution involves making better use of outdoor lighting to direct light down to where it is needed instead of upward into the sky, and using outdoor lighting only when and where necessary; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, headquartered in the United States, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Plan/Local Coastal Land Use Plan ensures that lighting of new development is sensitive and minimizes photopollution and lighting for development adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas shall be designed to minimize potential impacts to habitats; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Plan/Local Coastal Land Use Plan encourages the establishment of a "night sky" ordinance that provides standards for the reduction of direct and ambient light in the night sky.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Carpinteria hereby proclaims the week of April 15-22, 2023 as "INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK" in the City of Carpinteria, and urges all residents to learn about night sky friendly lighting, implement practices and improvements that will reduce light pollution, and look up and experience the wonder of the star-filled night.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mayor hereunto set their hand and caused the official seal of the City of Carpinteria, California to be affixed this 27th day of March, 2023.

Attest:
Al Clark, Mayor
City of Carpinteria

ATTEST:

Brian C. Barrett, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk, City of Carpinteria



THANK YOU, PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Los Angeles, California



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established adverse effects on human health—disrupting circadian rhythms and contributing to depression and sleep disorders; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in the city of Los Angeles, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, light pollution adversely affects two of the world's most beloved observatories, the famed Griffith Observatory which introduces and educates tourists and residents through its museum and star parties to astronomy, and Wilson Observatory, where Edwin Hubble documented the existence of the universe in 1925; and

WHEREAS, Griffith, Elysian and Debs parks, as well as the numerous parks within the city are home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species—including bobcats, coyotes, raccoons, striped skunks, many species of bats—and also the late mountain lion, P22—and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, is the globally recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council commemorates April 15-22, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week in the City of Los Angeles and encourages all to use this as a call to action in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

PRESENTED BY:

MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:

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Thank you, Los Angeles City Council



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Madison, California



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the continued existence of light pollution, as the standard living condition for over 83% of all people, has clear and detrimental impacts on the health and wellness of every citizen of the City of Madison, regardless of where in the city they live, and on the health and survival of the wide diversity of wildlife and habitats within its urban borders; and

WHEREAS, the future vibrancy and economic competitiveness of the City of Madison depends on the transition of energy consumption policies, practices and procedures to those of a carbon neutrality. The City of Madison has a proud heritage of incorporating green spaces and the engagement with the natural world and is valued and prioritized in the decision making process of City governance and the safety of every citizen is a fundamental product of this effective governance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is the home of the University of Wisconsin – Madison and the historic Washburn Observatory, the UW Space Place, the Madison Metropolitan School District Planetarium, and the Madison Astronomical Society. It is a city recognized as a world renowned center for the exploration of the Universe through research and an educational focus on the science, technology, engineering and mathematics through which we explore and engage with the Cosmos around us; and

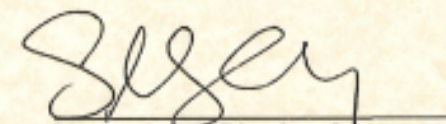
WHEREAS, the 5 principles of Responsible Outdoor lighting, promoted by the International Dark Sky Association, which state that lighting must be useful, targeted, at the lowest useful intensity, controlled so as to be "on" only when needed and of the warmest possible color. As recognized in the City of Madison Chapter 29.36 of its ordinances, which regulates outdoor lighting, and includes provisions to limit light spill, trespass and glare, requires shielding on lighting, limits up-lighting, and establishes maximum levels of cast-off light past the lot line so as to focus lighting where it is intended, and minimize negative impacts beyond where the light is intended. And further amended this chapter to restrict un-shielded lighting, and add requirements for lower-power light sources and further amended chapter 31 of the City's sign code to limit excessive lighting from internally illuminated signs; and

WHEREAS, light pollution is an issue that can be greatly impacted and mitigated in its negative impact through effective education, development of community awareness and action steps that focus on light pollution issues. The effectiveness of carbon neutrality and energy efficiency efforts, and on accessibility to the splendor of the Universe, can be experienced by looking into a dark sky.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 15 through April 22, 2023, in alignment with the International Dark Sky Association, as

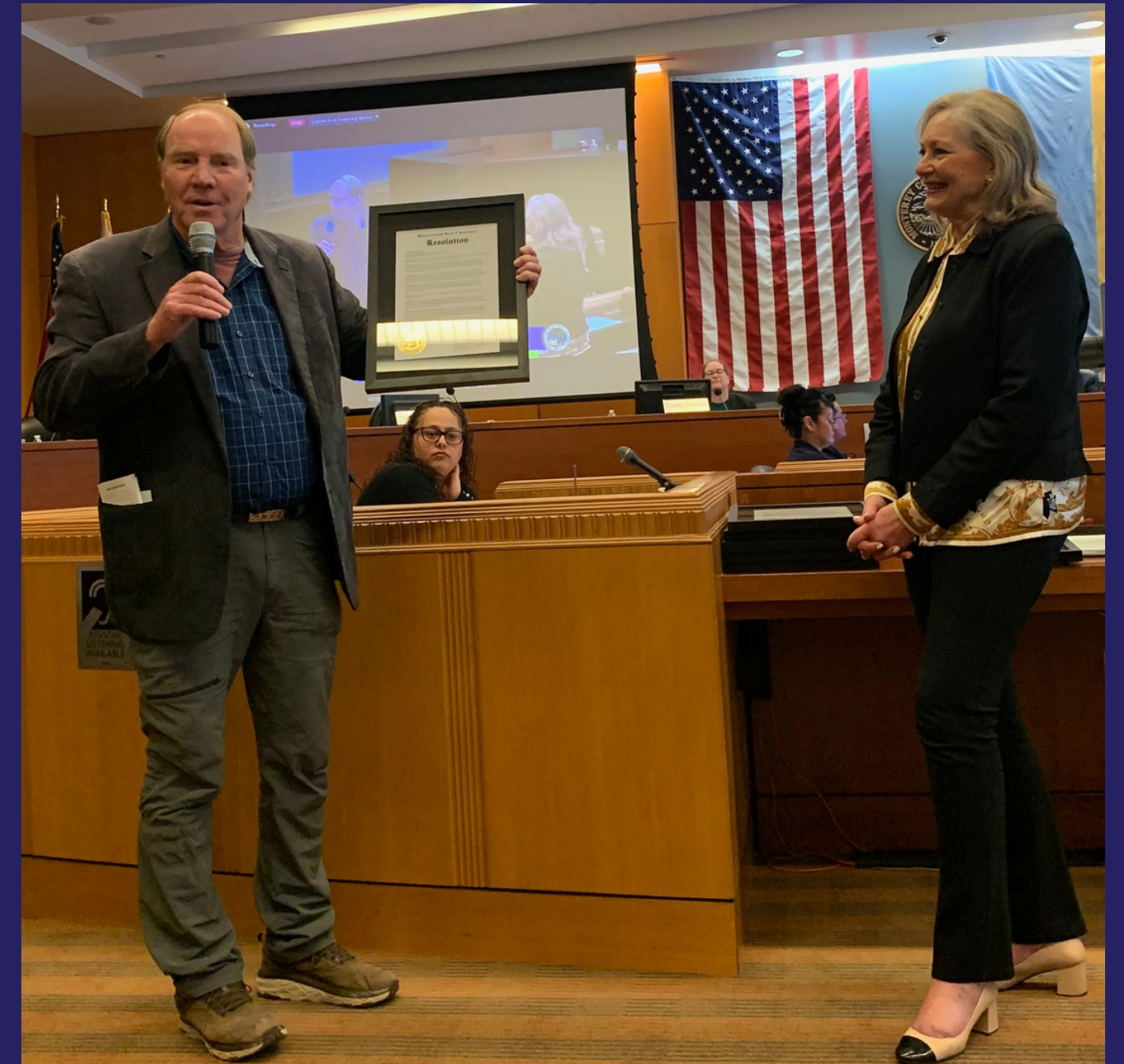
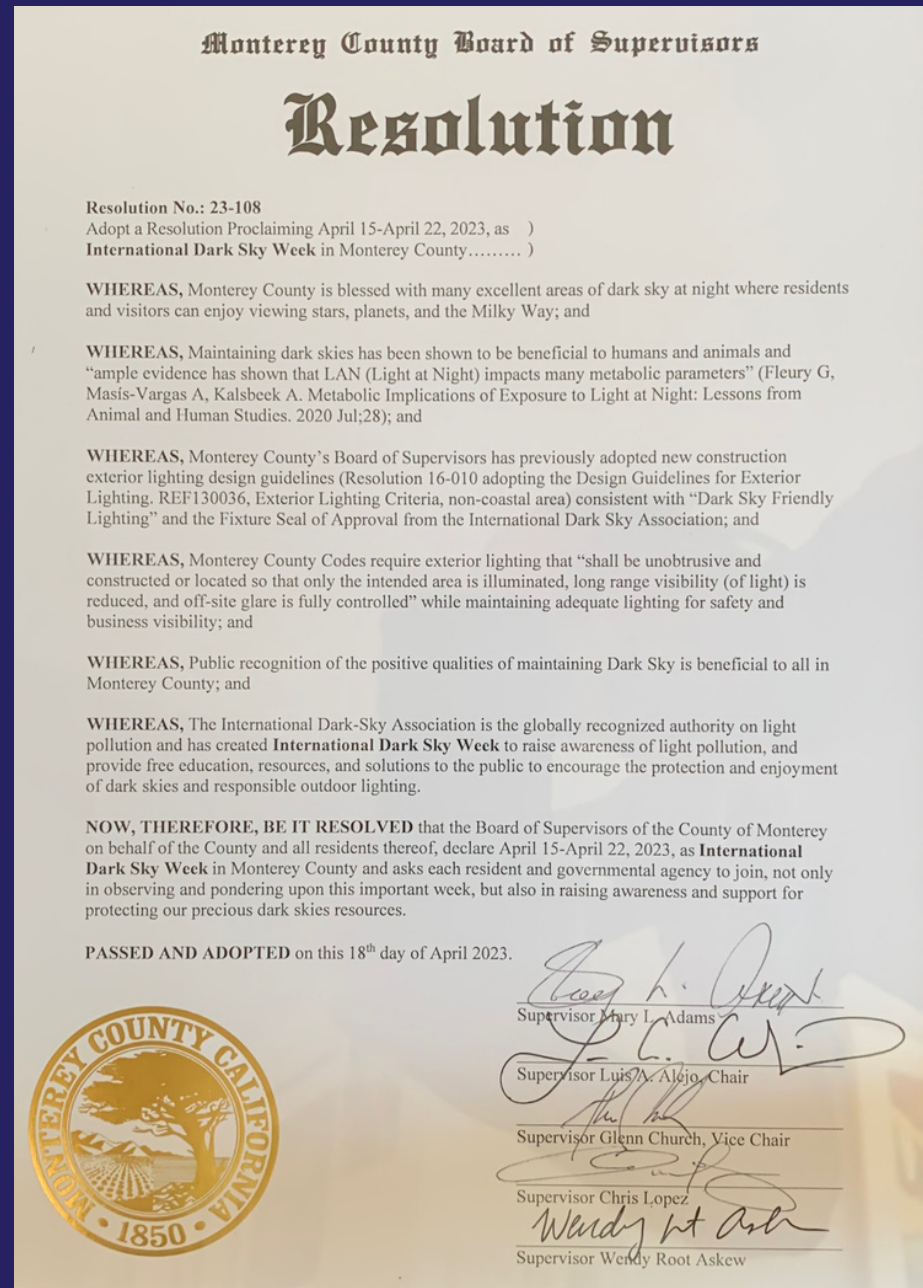


Dark Sky Week
in the City of Madison.


Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of February, 2023 at City Hall

Thank you,
Mayor Rhodes-Conway



THANK YOU, MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Santa Barbara, California



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 15-22, 2023 SANTA BARBARA DARK SKY WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires wonder, encourages interest in science and nature, and attracts visitors to the region; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established consequences which are detrimental to the economy, ecosystem, and human health of our community; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara is home to diverse species of nocturnal wildlife and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt mate and thrive; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in the City of Santa Barbara, live under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder, and ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, a stated objective of the City of Santa Barbara Outdoor Lighting & Streetlight Design Guidelines is "To acknowledge the objectives of the International Dark Sky Association and strive to preserve and restore view of the night sky"; and

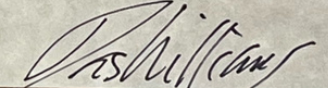
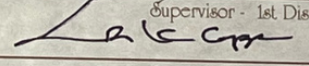
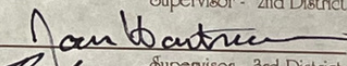
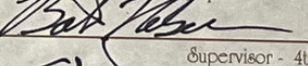
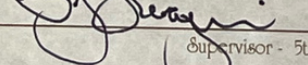
WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby declares April 15-22, 2023 as Dark Sky Week in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 2nd day of May, 2023 by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: 
Clerk of the Board

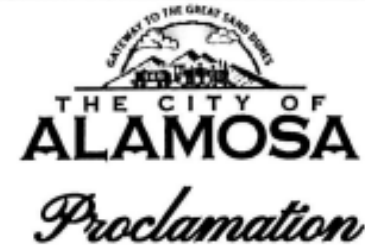

Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 5th District

Thank you,
Santa Barbara Board
of Supervisors



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Alamosa, Colorado



International Dark Sky Week April 15 - 22, 2023

WHEREAS, the San Luis Valley region is treasured by residents and visitors alike for having some of the darkest night skies in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a dark sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and may encourage interest in science and nature; and,

WHEREAS, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors and partners in the Sangre de Cristo Dark Sky Coalition are working to educate the community about light pollution and to apply to the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) for the status of "International Dark Sky Reserve;" and,

WHEREAS, the solutions can be as easy as using light only where you need it, when you need it, with the minimum amount of light needed, while shielding lights and directing light downward; and,

WHEREAS, education about the night sky helps our community improve and maintain its unique rural character, neighborhood livability, safety, and quality of life; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I, Ty Coleman, Mayor of the City of Alamosa and on behalf of the entire City Council proclaim April 15-22, 2023 as

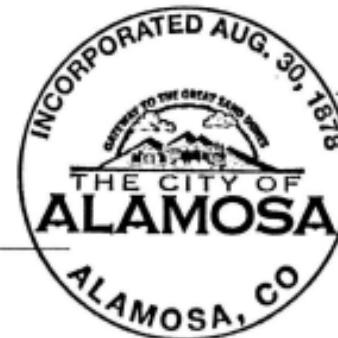
International Dark Sky Week

In the City of Alamosa. During this week, I encourage all residents to learn about the benefits of the night sky to our community.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 2023

Attest:


Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk




Ty Coleman, Mayor

Thank you,
Mayor Coleman

Denver, Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, as much as 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in the City and County of Denver, live under a dome of light pollution and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution and the importance of protecting the enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Astronomical Society relies on dark skies to promote the enjoyment and education of astronomy with the general public, and to conduct outreach activities at the University of Denver's Historic Chamberlin Observatory and other venues; and

WHEREAS, through dark sky education, outreach, practices and policies, a connection to the natural night-time environment can be reestablished for present and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL B. HANCOCK, MAYOR of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby officially proclaim **APRIL 15 – 22, 2023**, to be known as:

"DARK SKY WEEK"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City and County of Denver to be affixed this 15th day of April, 2023



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Hancock".

MICHAEL B. HANCOCK
MAYOR

Thank you, Mayor Hancock



DarkSky
IDSW PROCLAMATIONS



Salida, Colorado

Proclamation

April 15-22, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week

WHEREAS, Colorado is treasured by residents and visitors alike for having some of the darkest night skies in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a dark sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and may encourage interest in science and nature; and,

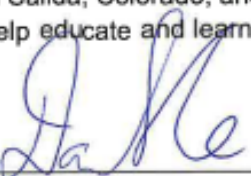
WHEREAS, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors and partners in the Sangre de Cristo Dark Sky Coalition are working to educate the community about light pollution and to apply to DarkSky International for the status of "International Dark Sky Reserve;" and,

WHEREAS, dark skies are known to improve quality of life by spurring tourism and other economic development, conserving energy, protecting our natural heritage, and benefiting wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, International Dark Sky Week helps promote simple solutions to mitigate light pollution by only using light where you need it, when you need it, with the minimum amount of light needed, while shielding lights and directing light downward; and,

WHEREAS, education about the night sky helps our community improve and maintain its unique rural character, neighborhood livability, safety, and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I, **Dan Shore**, Mayor of the City of Salida do hereby designate the week of April 15 to April 22, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week in Salida, Colorado; and further encourages all Salidans and community partners to help educate and learn with one another the benefits of the night sky to our community.



Dan Shore, Mayor

4/14/23

Date

Thank you, Mayor Shore



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Alachua, Florida



Alachua County Florida A Proclamation

Declaring April 15-22, 2023, as "International Dark-Sky Week"
in Alachua County, Florida

Whereas, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind. The experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe; and

Whereas, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities. 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Alachua County, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and


Whereas, Alachua County is home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species and these species rely on the undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate and thrive; and

Whereas, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

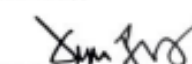
Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023, as "International Dark-Sky Week," in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 28 day of March, A.D., 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Anna Prizzia, Chair

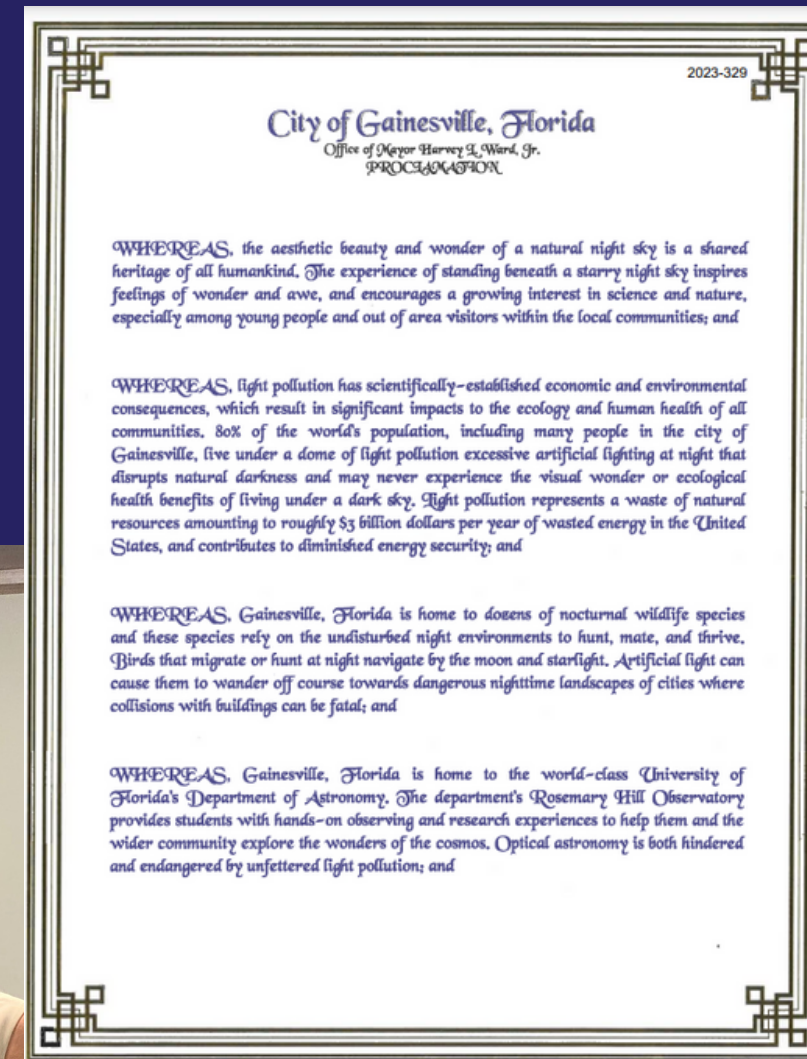
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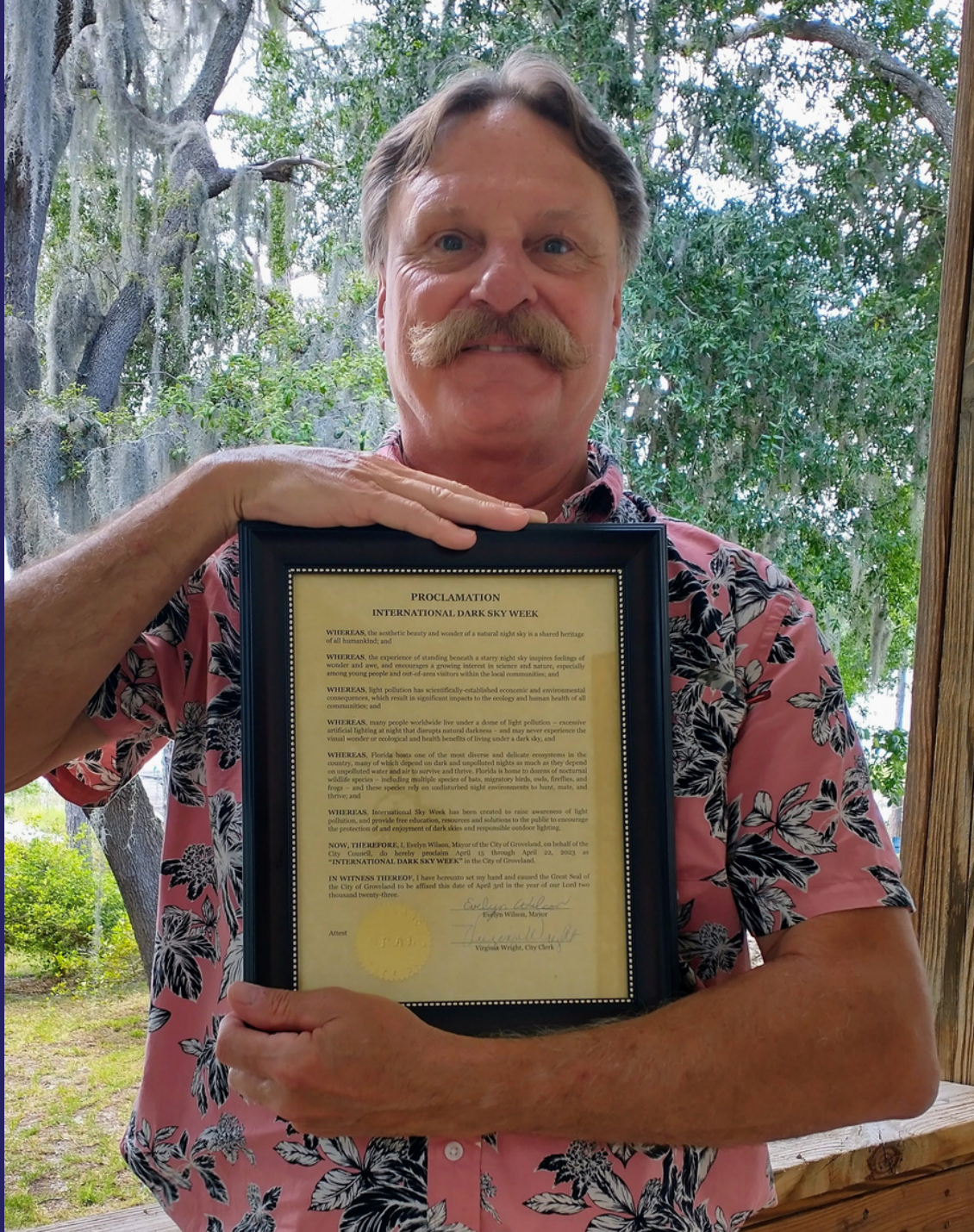

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.



Thank you,
Alachua Board of
County
Commissioners







PROCLAMATION INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, many people worldwide live under a dome of light pollution – excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness – and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, Florida hosts one of the most diverse and delicate ecosystems in the country, many of which depend on dark and unpolluted nights as much as they depend on unpolluted water and air to survive and thrive. Florida is home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species – including multiple species of bats, migratory birds, owls, fireflies, and frogs – and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

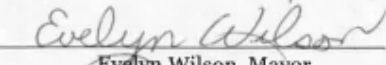
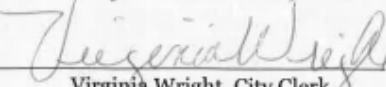
WHEREAS, International Sky Week has been created to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Evelyn Wilson, Mayor of the City of Groveland, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 15 through April 22, 2023 as “**INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK**” in the City of Groveland.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveland to be affixed this date of April 3rd in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

Attest




Evelyn Wilson, Mayor

Virginia Wright, City Clerk

THANK YOU, MAYOR WILSON

Lake County, Florida



PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out of area visitors within the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

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WHEREAS, International Dark Sky week has been created to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, proclaims:

Section 1. April 15-22, 2023, as INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK in Lake County.

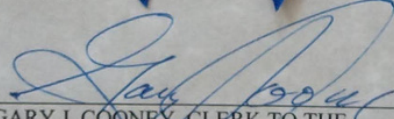
Section 2. A copy of this Proclamation shall be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Section 3. This Proclamation shall become effective upon adoption.

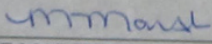
DONE AND PROCLAIMED, this 11th day of April 2023, in regular session of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida.



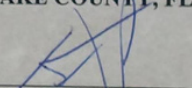
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GARY J. COONEY, CLERK TO THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

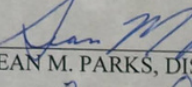
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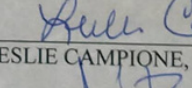

MELANIE MARSH, COUNTY ATTORNEY

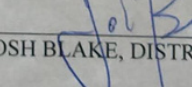
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA


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LESLIE CAMPIONE, DISTRICT 4


JOSH BLAKE, DISTRICT 5

Thank you,
Lake County Board
of Commissioners



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Miami-Dade County, Florida



Proclamation



The Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

Whereas: The beauty of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all, inspiring wonder that enriches lives and encourages interest in the sciences, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM); and

Whereas: The opportunity to view star-filled skies attracts residents and tourists to this region and therefore becomes an economic benefit to Miami-Dade County; and

Whereas: "Light pollution" is artificial light produced by humans that wastes natural resources, energy and money while adversely impacting human health, the environment and many wildlife species, including sea turtles, migrating birds, fireflies and bats; and

Whereas: Many people in Miami-Dade County live under a dome of light pollution and are not able to fully enjoy the cultural, ecological and health benefits of a naturally lit nocturnal environment, this is why protecting the night sky and nocturnal environment is vital and, in turn, provides many benefits to Miami-Dade County communities, including neighborhood livability, safety, quality of life, and access to nature; and

Whereas: Each year, "International Dark Sky Week" draws awareness of the importance of the natural night environment, the far-reaching impacts of light pollution, and the range of solutions that can prevent it, mitigate it, and reduce it;

Now Therefore: BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA, MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THIS COMMUNITY, do hereby proclaim April 15 through April 22, 2023, as

Dark Sky Week

In Observance I call upon the good people of Miami-Dade County to join me in familiarizing ourselves with
Thereof: International Dark Sky Week as a means of educating our citizens in the hopes of solving the problem of light pollution.



Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Chairman

Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

Thank you,
Chairman Gilbert &
Mayor Levine Cava

Orlando, Florida



Thank you,
Mayor Dyer

St. Petersburg, Florida



Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

- WHEREAS,** The aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind. The experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out of area visitors within the local communities; and
- WHEREAS,** St. Petersburg, Florida is home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species and these species rely on the undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate and thrive. Sea turtles live in the ocean, but hatch at night on our beaches and find their way to the sea by detecting the bright horizon over the water; and
- WHEREAS,** Artificial lights draw them away from the ocean and millions of hatchlings die this way every year. Birds that migrate or hunt at night navigate by the moon and starlight. Artificial light can cause them to wander off course towards dangerous nighttime landscapes of cities where collisions with buildings can be fatal; and
- WHEREAS,** St. Petersburg, Florida has been home to the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club since 1927. The club is dedicated to promoting and sharing the wonders and science of astronomy with the community. Optical astronomy is both hindered and endangered by unfettered light pollution; and
- WHEREAS,** The International Dark-Sky Association is the globally recognized authority on light pollution and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth T. Welch, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 15 - 22, 2023 as

INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK

in the City of St. Petersburg and invite all our citizens to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky resources.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 15th day of April 2023.

Kenneth T. Welch

Kenneth T. Welch
Mayor

Thank you, Mayor Welch



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Volusia County, Florida

Proclamation



WHEREAS, the beauty and wonder of the natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind, and the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population lives under a dome of light pollution – excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness; and

WHEREAS, artificial light can disrupt wildlife, impact human health, waste money and energy, contribute to climate change through carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, scientists link light pollution to global insect decline, the death of millions of migrating birds, increased carbon emissions and disease; and

WHEREAS, locally, beachfront lighting can discourage female sea turtles from nesting and confuse hatchlings, leading them away from the ocean and into streets or storm drains; and

WHEREAS, International Dark Sky Week raises awareness of light pollution and encourages the enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting; **NOW THEREFORE**,

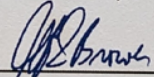
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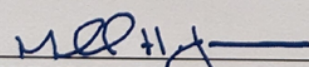
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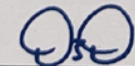
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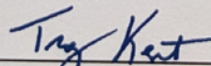
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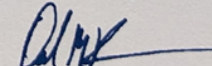
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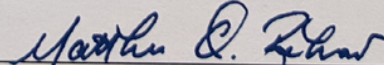

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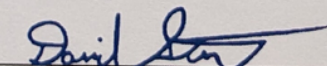

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DAVID SANTIAGO, District 5

Thank you,
Volusia County
Council



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Volusia County, Florida

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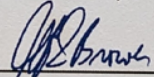
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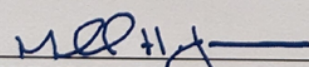
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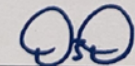
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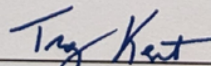
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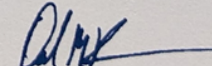
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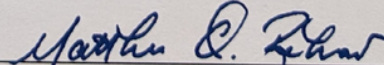

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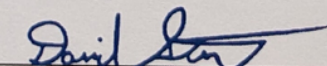

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Thank you,
Volusia County
Council



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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



Thank you,
Mayor
Hammond

Indianapolis, Indiana



City of Indianapolis Office of the Mayor



PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population, including the entirety of the City of Indianapolis, lives under a dome of light pollution. Light pollution is excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness. This lighting acts as a barrier for individuals who may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark star-filled sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences which result in significant impacts on the ecology and human health of all affected communities. Excessive outdoor lighting contributes to diminished energy security and represents a misplacement of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States. Health effects such as increased rates of cancer, obesity, diabetes, sleep, and eating disorders, and mental health issues, occur due to the disruption of circadian rhythms; and

WHEREAS, light pollution is harmful to urban ecosystems. It is one of the primary drivers in insect declines, including Indiana's official state insect, the Say's firefly, due to its detrimental impacts on mating, defense, and predation. Additionally, light pollution is disorienting and often lethal to thousands of migratory birds passing through Indianapolis that make their journeys by navigation of the moon and stars; and

WHEREAS, today, the City of Indianapolis joins the International Dark Sky Association to celebrate the night sky, raise awareness of light pollution, and promote the use of environmentally responsible lighting around the world to encourage the protection of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH H. HOGSETT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 15-22, 2023 AS:

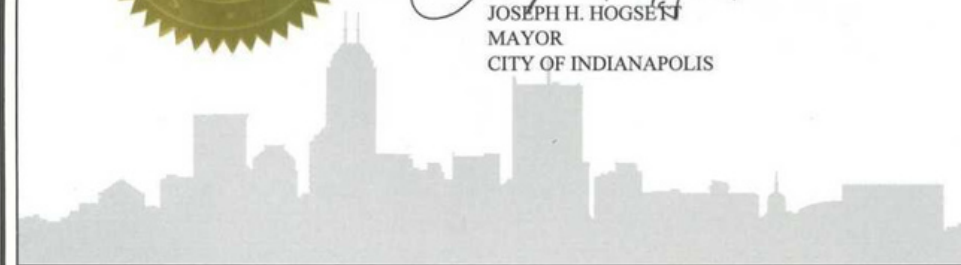
DARK SKY WEEK

in the City of Indianapolis, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO
BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF
INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 15th DAY OF
APRIL IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-THREE.

Joseph H. Hogsett
JOSEPH H. HOGSETT
MAYOR
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS



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Thank you, Mayor Hogsett

Bluffs, Iowa



City of Council Bluffs Iowa

Office of the Mayor PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the aesthetic beauty and wonder of natural dark skies at night are inherent to the character and allure of the State of Iowa and the Loess Hills in particular; and
- WHEREAS** light pollution reduces water quality in ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams, and harms game fish that support recreation and tourism at places such as Lake Manawa and Big Lake; and
- WHEREAS** effects of light pollution on migratory birds include building strikes, reduced food supply, entrapment in urban areas leading to disorientation and exhaustion, and reduced mating and rearing success, which have contributed to a 40% decline in all songbirds in the last 50 years; and
- WHEREAS** 30% of light is needlessly wasted by shining into the sky, resulting in \$3 billion of wasted electricity nationally every year, while using responsible outdoor lighting is an easy and effective way to reduce that burden on citizens and on state and municipal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matt Walsh, Mayor of Council Bluffs, Iowa, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023, as

Dark Sky Week

in this city, and in so doing, encourage all citizens to join a national effort to switch off the lights in the evening and marvel at the infinite grandeur of the night sky.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa to be affixed this 10th day of April, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

Matthew J. Walsh
Matthew J. Walsh, Mayor

Thank you, Mayor Walsh



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Frankfort, Kentucky



CITY OF FRANKFORT P ROCLAMATION

Whereas *People are connected to the land, water, and also to the skies. Our skies are becoming lighter because of skyglow, glare, and light trespass which creates a halo of light around our city. The Milky Way cannot be seen in Frankfort; and*

Whereas *Physical evidence indicates that a group of Fort Ancient people, 700 years ago, lived at the current location of one of the brightest buildings in Frankfort where the Central Laboratory Facility and Social Security building are located. The flat ground on top of this ridge was used for 8 structures, built in a semicircle. These ancestors experienced a sky brimming with stars – a night sky that inspired science, religion, philosophy, art and literature. Today they also inspire research regarding the growing problem of light pollution as skyglow, glare, spill light and/or other adverse impacts attributable to the use of ALAN (Artificial Light at Night) has been scientifically linked to negative effects on human, flora and fauna health, while natural dark skies at night have been scientifically linked to positive health effects; and*

Whereas *Outdoor lighting disturbs wildlife, causing birds, bats and most insects to be attracted to the light. They are genetically programmed by evolution to fly towards bright light. Birds and others migrate using celestial navigation. They can't see the stars. Reducing light pollution would save Frankfort residents many thousands of dollars per year and a growing numbers of Frankfort residents are recognizing the economic, ecological, cultural, and societal benefits of conserving the natural night sky in our Commonwealth's communities as well as open spaces. Frankfort residents can help reduce light pollution by turning off outdoor lights at night; and/or help ensure outdoor lighting at night is both functional and environmentally responsible; and*

Whereas *Our city is a leader in many ways, and as the capital city we can be at the forefront of making positive changes in the Commonwealth. Light pollution is fortunately one of the easiest of all environmental problems to solve. Through dark sky education, outreach, practices and policies, a connection to the natural night-time environment can be reestablished for present and future generations. Elkhorn Middle School and Frankfort Audubon have formed a partnership to help education and outreach bringing awareness of light pollution before the spring and fall migration seasons.*

Therefore *I, Layne Wilkerson, Mayor of the City of Frankfort, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 15 through April 22, 2023, as "Dark Sky Week" in the City of Frankfort, Kentucky.*

"Dark Sky Week"



Done in the Municipal Building, in
the City of Frankfort, Kentucky

this 29 day of March
two thousand and twenty-three

Christina M. Juel
City Clerk

Layne Wilkerson
Mayor

Thank you, Mayor Wilkerson



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Northhampton, Massachussets



Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

International Dark Sky Week
April 15-22, 2023

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all creatures on planet Earth; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local community; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, including significant negative impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including some people in Northampton, live under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to at least \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, Northampton has committed itself to protecting the well-being of wildlife including pollinating insects, which are adversely affected by light pollution; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and to provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023 as

International Dark Sky Week

in the City of Northampton and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the Seal of the City of Northampton on this 15th day of April 2023.


Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra

Thank you, Mayor Sciarra



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State of Michigan



Thank you,
Governor
Whitmer



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SPECIAL THANKS TO ROBERT PARRISH



SR-30, As Adopted by Senate, April 13, 2023

State of Michigan

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.30

Senators Lindsey and Bayer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 15-22, 2023, as International
2 Dark Sky Week.
3 Whereas, Michigan was the first state in the Union to initiate
4 Dark Sky Preserves; and
5 Whereas, There are nine dark sky preserves in Michigan, three
6 of which are internationally designated dark sky parks; and
7 Whereas, Our state is best known for three internationally
8 designated dark sky parks, Headlands International Sky Park in
9 Mackinaw City, Dr. T.K. Lawless Park in Vandalia, and Keweenaw
10 Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor; and
11 Whereas, These parks are designated areas that allow for
12 thousands of astrotourists to see the true beauty of the Michigan

Dark Sky Week

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1 night sky, and to observe the wonder of meteorological events such
2 as the Northern Lights; and
3 Whereas, Astrotourism helps bring unique economic
4 opportunities into our state; and
5 Whereas, We aim to spread awareness about dark sky preserves
6 and the negative impact light pollution may have on them and on the
7 human population; now, therefore, be it
8 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
9 body recognize April 15-22, 2023, as International Dark Sky Week;
10 and be it further
11 Resolved, That we continue to support the success of dark sky
12 parks across Michigan and show continued devotion to preserving
13 access to the night sky.

Thank you,
Senator Lindsey
& Senator Bayer



Cass County, Michigan

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

R-57-23

RESOLUTION ENDORSING INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY AWARENESS WEEK IN CASS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the beauty of a dark sky night is part of our cultural and scientific heritage which should be protected and preserved; and

WHEREAS, the overuse of improperly designed outdoor lighting constitutes "light pollution" of the nighttime environment thereby masking the beauty of the night sky; and

WHEREAS, Empirical evidence reveals the negative health effects of light pollution on human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, attention to the problem of light pollution and its mitigation efforts will help ensure that the sky is preserved; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of dark sky astro-tourism are hereby recognized.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners endorse International Dark Sky Awareness Week from April 15th - April 22nd in Cass County.

ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL 2023

ATTEST:

Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register
COUNTY OF CASS

Jeremiah Jones, Chair
CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thank you,
Cass County Board
of Commissioners



South Haven, Michigan

South Haven Charter Township Certificate of Dark Sky Proclamation

Whereas, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature in our community; and

Whereas, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities: and

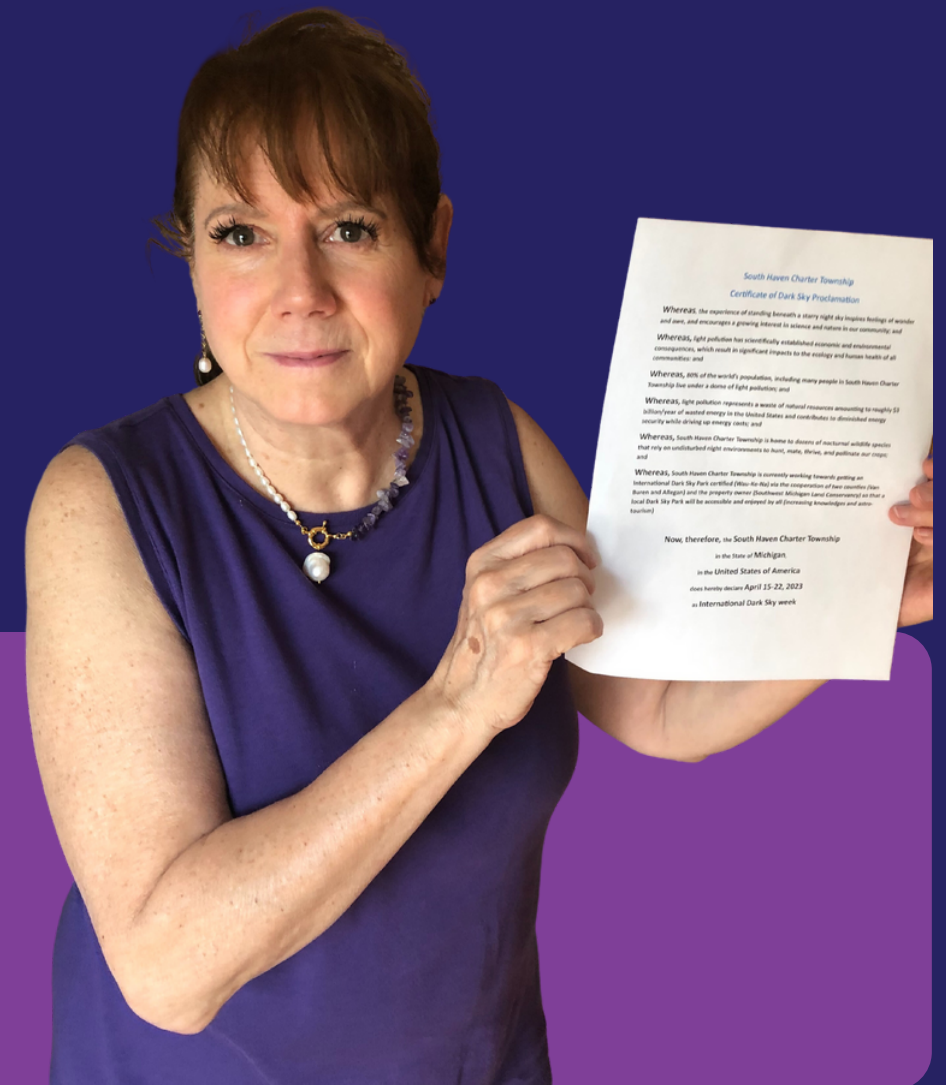
Whereas, 80% of the world's population, including many people in South Haven Charter Township live under a dome of light pollution; and

Whereas, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion/year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security while driving up energy costs; and

Whereas, South Haven Charter Township is home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species that rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, thrive, and pollinate our crops; and

Whereas, South Haven Charter Township is currently working towards getting an International Dark Sky Park certified (Wau-Ke-Na) via the cooperation of two counties (Van Buren and Allegan) and the property owner (Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy) so that a local Dark Sky Park will be accessible and enjoyed by all (increasing knowledges and astro-tourism)

Now, therefore, the South Haven Charter Township
in the State of Michigan,
in the United States of America
does hereby declare April 15-22, 2023
as International Dark Sky week



Thank you, South Haven Charter Township



Cook County, Minnesota

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 15-22, 2023, AS INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

WHEREAS, the beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind and inherent to the character and allure of the state of Minnesota; and experiencing starry skies can encourage interest in science, nature and art especially among young people; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to some of the last remaining pristine dark skies in the United States east of the Mississippi River, which preserves the cultural connection to the night sky for all residents who proudly call Cook County and Minnesota home; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established negative economic, environmental, safety and health consequences, while dark skies have been scientifically linked to positive health and environmental effects, and 99 percent of Americans, including many residents of Cook County live under light pollution; and

WHEREAS, light pollution results in a waste of \$3 billion per year in the United States and contributes to diminished national energy security while reducing light pollution could save Cook County residents, corporations and government thousands of dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to Voyageurs National Park, recently designated as an International Dark Sky Park and Boundary Waters Canoe Area, recently designated as the largest International Dark Sky Sanctuary in the world and which attract thousands of visitors each year to enjoy the dark skies they offer, bringing economic benefits to Cook County and Northern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is located in a major migratory flyway in which hundreds of species of birds depend on darkness for safe migration and Minnesota is home to hundreds of species of nocturnal animals and insects that depend on darkness for survival;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the County Commissioners of Cook County, Minnesota, do hereby declare April 15 – 22, 2023 as:

INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK

In Cook County, Minnesota we ask each resident to join us, not only in observing and reflecting upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

Thank you,
Cook County
Commissioners



Duluth, Minnesota

City of Duluth



Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** the beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind and inherent to the character and allure of the state of Minnesota; and experiencing starry skies can encourage interest in science, nature and art especially among young people; and
- Whereas,** Minnesota is home to some of the last remaining pristine dark skies in the United States East of the Mississippi River, which preserves the cultural connection to the night sky for all residents who proudly call Duluth and Minnesota home; and
- Whereas,** light pollution has scientifically-established negative economic, environmental, safety and health consequences, while dark skies have been scientifically linked to positive health and environmental effects, and 99 percent of Americans, including the residents of Duluth live under light pollution; and
- Whereas,** light pollution results in a waste of \$3 billion per year in the United States and contributes to diminished national energy security while reducing light pollution could save Duluth residents, corporations and government tens of thousands of dollars per year; and
- Whereas,** Minnesota is home to Voyageurs National Park, recently designated as an International Dark Sky Park, and Boundary Waters Canoe Area, recently designated as the largest International Dark Sky Sanctuary in the world and which attract thousands of visitors each year to enjoy the dark skies they offer, bringing economic benefits to Duluth and Northern Minnesota; and
- Whereas,** Duluth is located in a major migratory flyway in which hundreds of species of birds depend on darkness for safe migration and Minnesota is home to hundreds of species of nocturnal animals and insects that depend on darkness for survival; and
- Whereas,** Starry Skies North, located in Duluth and Minneapolis, is the Minnesota chapter of the International Dark-Sky Association, and is participating in International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free resources and solutions for the protection and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Larson, Mayor of the City of Duluth, do officially proclaim April 16-22, 2023, as

International Dark Sky Week

in the City of Duluth.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Duluth to be affixed in the City of Duluth this sixteenth day of April two thousand twenty-three.

MAYOR

Thank you, Mayor Larson



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ATLANTIC COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Resolution

RECOGNIZING APRIL 15 TO APRIL 22, 2023 AS
INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

Whereas, the astounding beauty and wonders of a natural night sky are a shared heritage of all humankind; and

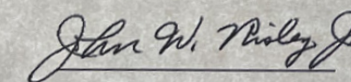
Whereas, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature among young people and visitors, promoting tourism, and outdoor activities; and

Whereas, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts on the ecosystems and human health; and

Whereas, eighty percent of the world's population, including Atlantic County, live under a dome of light pollution-excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

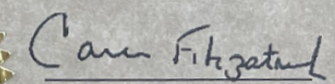
Whereas, light pollution represents approximately \$3 billion per year of wasted energy and contributes to diminished energy security.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved on this 18th day of April 2023, by the Atlantic County Board of County Commissioners, that this Board does hereby recognize April 15 to April 22, 2023 as International Dark Sky Week in Atlantic County.



John W. Risley, Jr.
Chairman



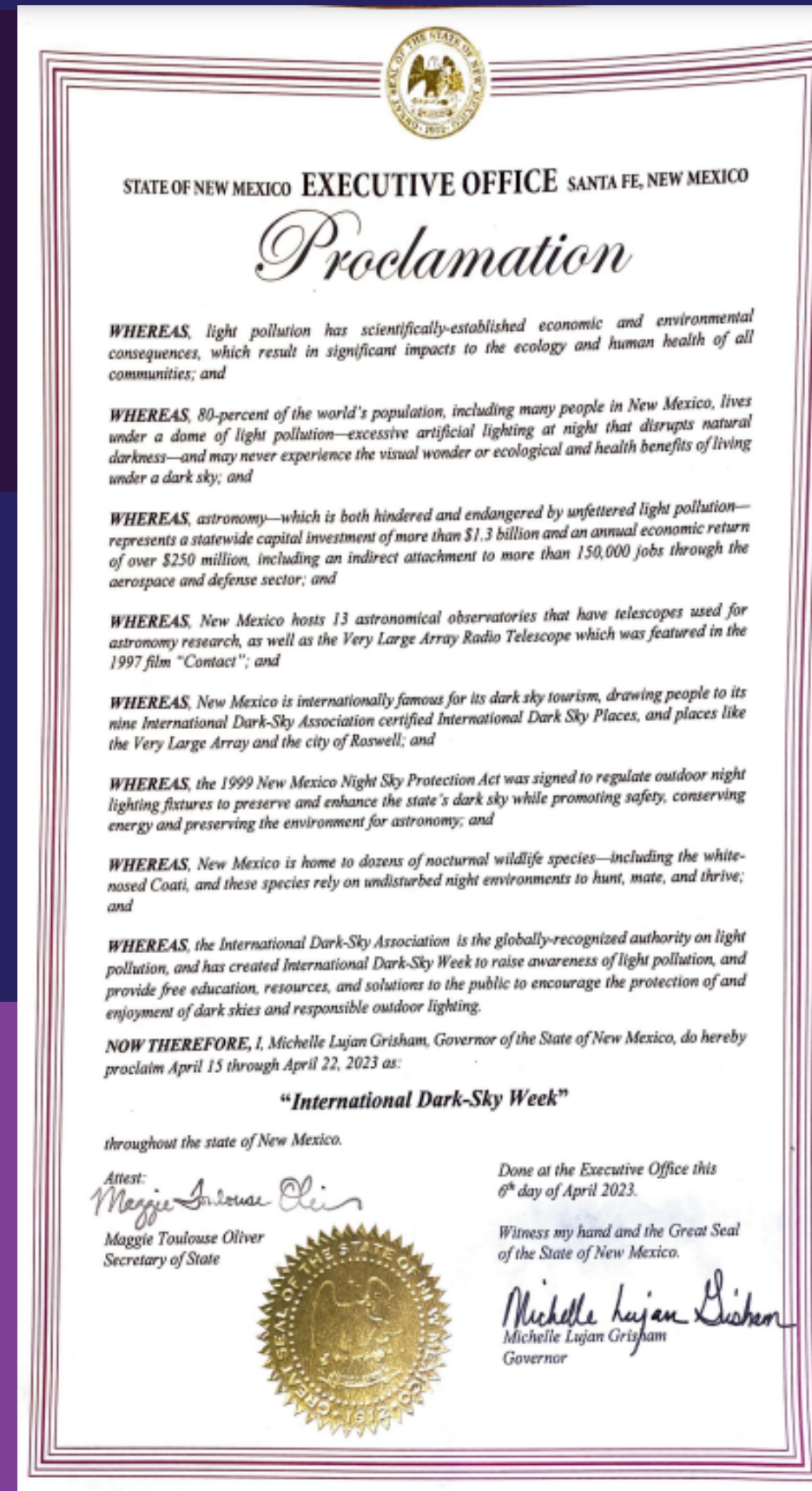


Caren L. Fitzpatrick
Commissioner-at-Large

THANK YOU, ATLANTIC CITY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



State of New Mexico



Thank you,
Governor
Grisham



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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Office of the Mayor
Official *Proclamation* of the City of Santa Fe
Bando Oficial de la Villa Real de Santa Fé de San Francisco de Asís Nuevo México

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Santa Fe, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, astronomy - which is both hindered and endangered by unfettered light pollution—represents a statewide capital investment of more than \$1.3 billion and an annual economic return of over \$250 million, including an indirect attachment to more than 150,000 jobs through the aerospace and defense sector; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Stargazers is a group of Santa Fe area residents who share a passion for observing the day and night sky, be it by naked eye, binocular, or telescope, and who meet regularly to observe as a group, to share their passion for the night sky with the lay public, and to increase knowledge, understanding, and enjoyment of astronomy, and to engage in advocacy for dark skies, so that all may enjoy the beauty of the heavens; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is internationally famous for its dark sky tourism, drawing people to its nine International Dark-Sky Association certified International Dark Sky Places; and

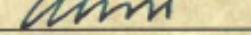
WHEREAS, the 1999 New Mexico Night Sky Protection Act was signed to regulate outdoor night lighting fixtures to preserve and enhance the state's dark sky while promoting safety, conserving energy and preserving the environment for astronomy; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, headquartered in Arizona, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, DO
HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 15, 2023, THROUGH APRIL 22, 2023, AS

"INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK"

Promulgada en el ayuntamiento, el
día decimoquinto de abril, del año 2023
Done at City Hall, this 15th day of April, 2023

Witness my hand: 
Alcalde/Mayor



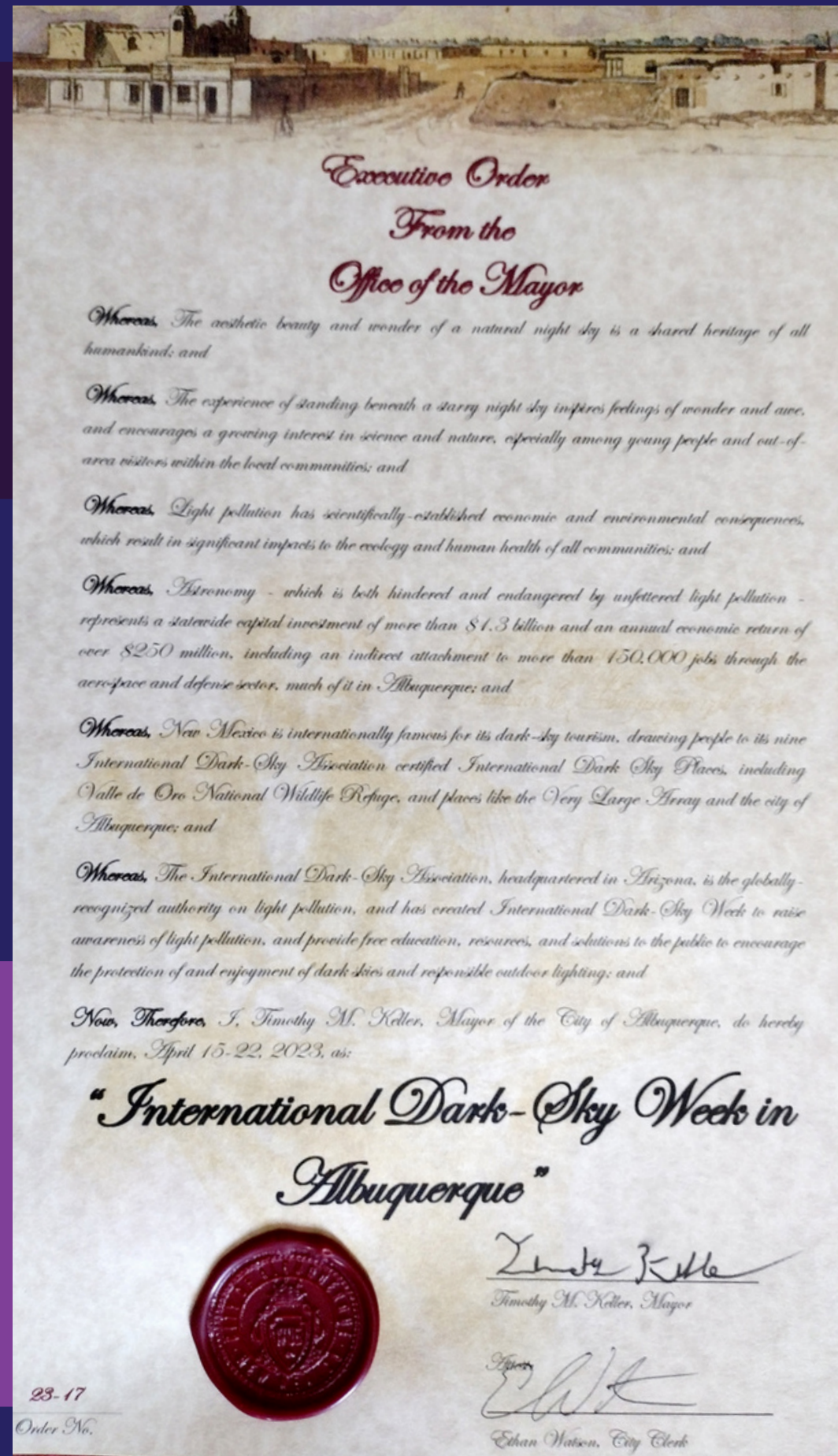
Thank you, Mayor Webber



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Albuquerque, New Mexico



Thank you,
Mayor Keller

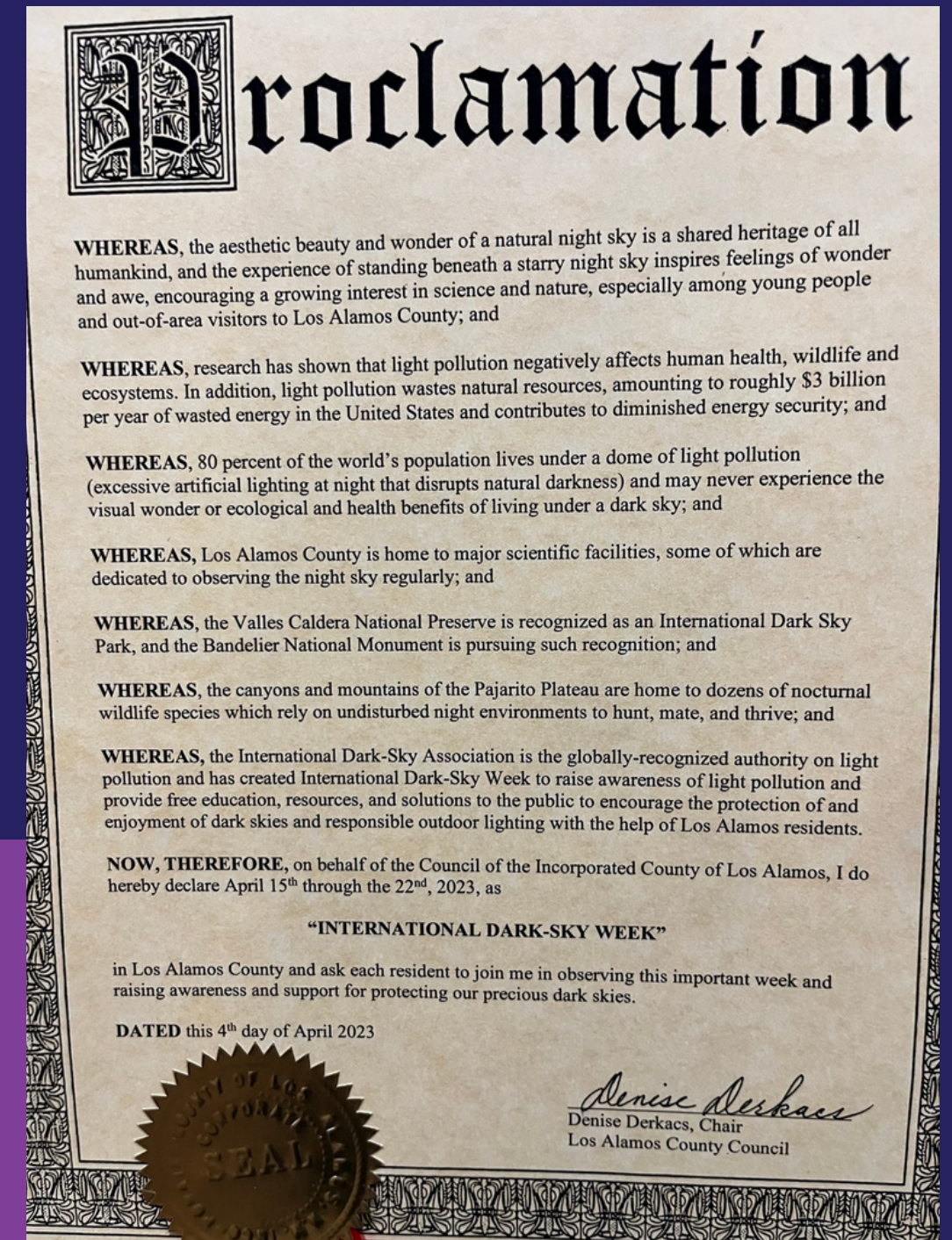


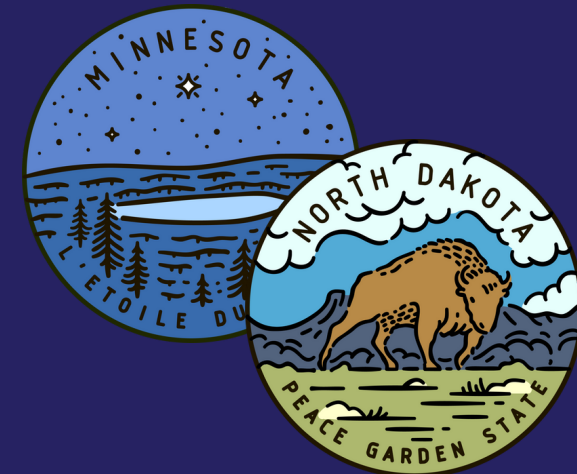
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Los Alamos, New Mexico

Thank you,
Council of the
Incorporated County of
Los Alamos





Moorhead, MN & Fargo, ND

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION CITY OF MOORHEAD, STATE OF MINNESOTA AND THE CITY OF FARGO, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, 90-percent of the world's population, including many in the Fargo-Moorhead area, live under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, health effects such as increased rates of cancer, obesity, diabetes, sleep and eating disorders, and mental health issues, have been documented to occur due to the disruption of day/night cycles; and

WHEREAS, eastern North Dakota hosts a robust agricultural economy, with North Dakota generating over \$7.3 billion dollars of economic impact in 2020, including over \$1.8 billion in revenue from soybeans, which research has suggested are sensitive to artificial light at night, as well as North Dakota being the nation's leading honey producing state, with honeybees being disrupted by nighttime lighting; and

WHEREAS, the Fargo-Moorhead area and eastern North Dakota are under a major migratory bird corridor, and hundreds of species such as the Belted Kingfisher, Orange Crowned Oriole, Purple Martin, and Black-and-white Warbler, rely on undisturbed night environments to navigate to their nesting grounds to hunt, mate, raise young, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security for our community and nation; and

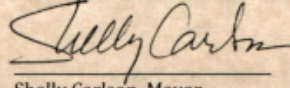
WHEREAS, the Red River Valley hosts an active research astronomy program at the Minnesota State University – Moorhead's Paul P. Feder Observatory at the Buffalo River Science Center, which houses a 16-inch Cassegrain reflecting telescope which is involved in the search for exoplanets, research which light pollution could hamper the effectiveness of;

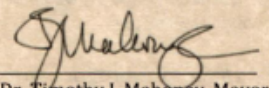
NOW, THEREFORE, we the Mayors of Moorhead and Fargo do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023 to be,

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

and ask all public officials, business and community leaders, and residents to join us, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky and nighttime resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Moorhead, State of Minnesota and City of Fargo, State of North Dakota to be affixed to this proclamation.


Shelly Carlson, Mayor
City of Moorhead


Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor
City of Fargo



THE CITY OF
Fargo
FAR MORE

Thank you, Mayor Carlson & Mayor Mahoney



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Paisley, Oregon

City of Paisley, Oregon PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage among generations of Paisley residents; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of awe, often inspires an interest in science and nature, and encourages stewardship of our shared environment and magnificent dark skies; and

WHEREAS, Paisley is within the largest pristine dark sky zone in the contiguous 48 states, and

WHEREAS, Paisley is immediately adjacent to the proposed boundaries of the Oregon Outback International Dark Sky Sanctuary, a community project that the City supports in its effort to celebrate and protect our natural night skies; and

WHEREAS, the environs of Paisley are home to numerous nocturnal wildlife species and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the environs of Paisley are home to numerous migratory birds that rely on a natural night sky to safely migrate,

WHEREAS, protection of a natural night sky has scientifically-established economic, environmental, and human health and safety benefits; and

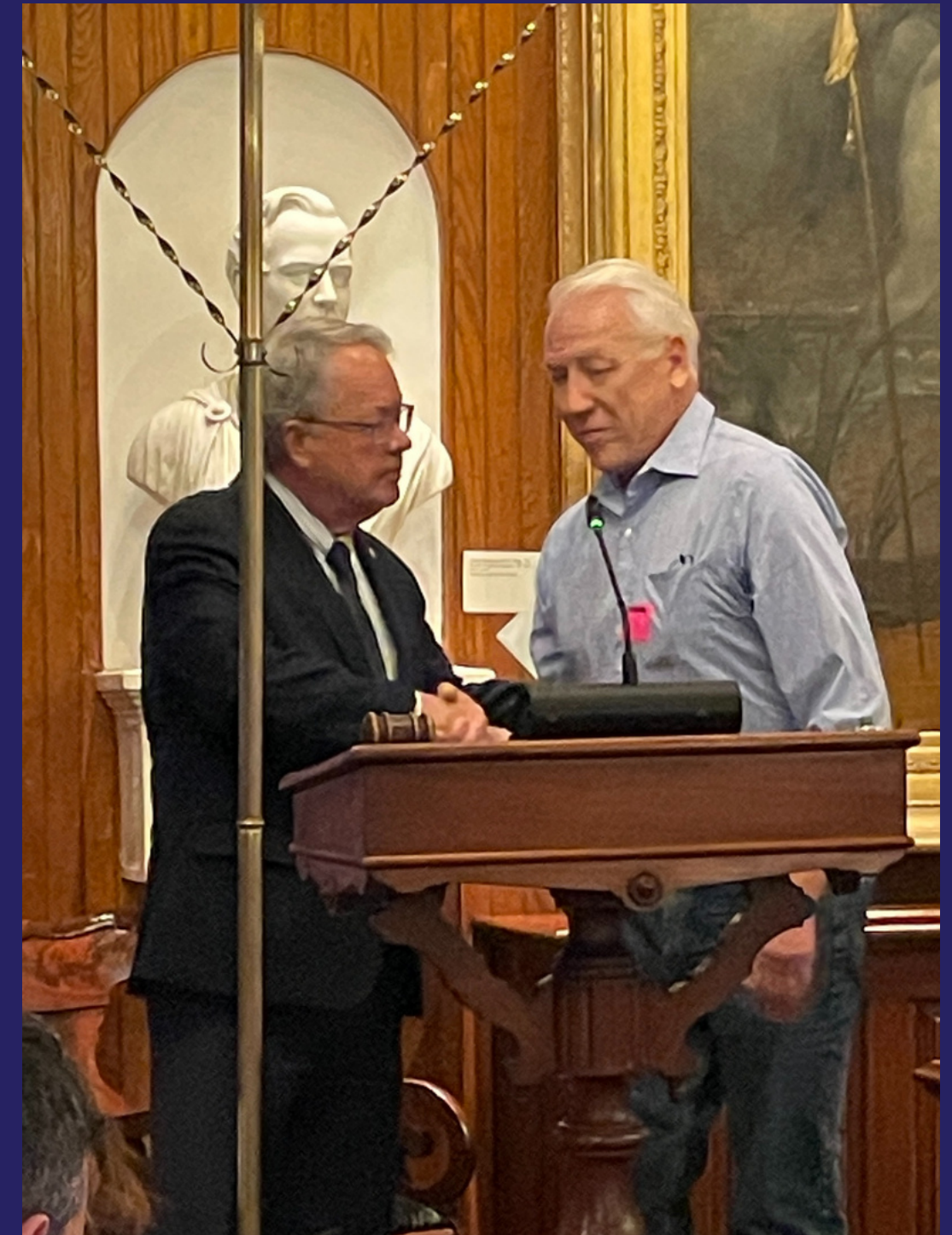
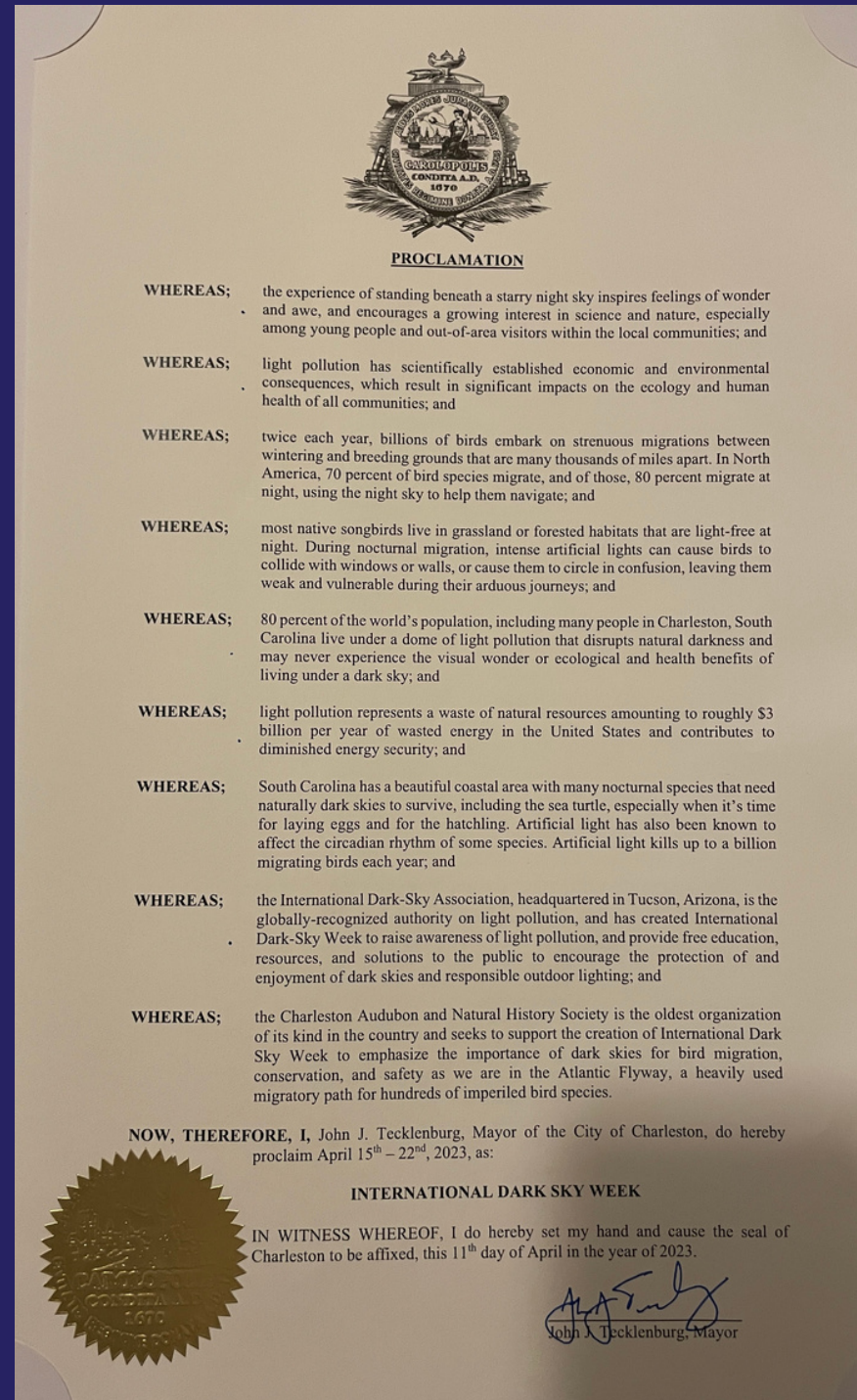
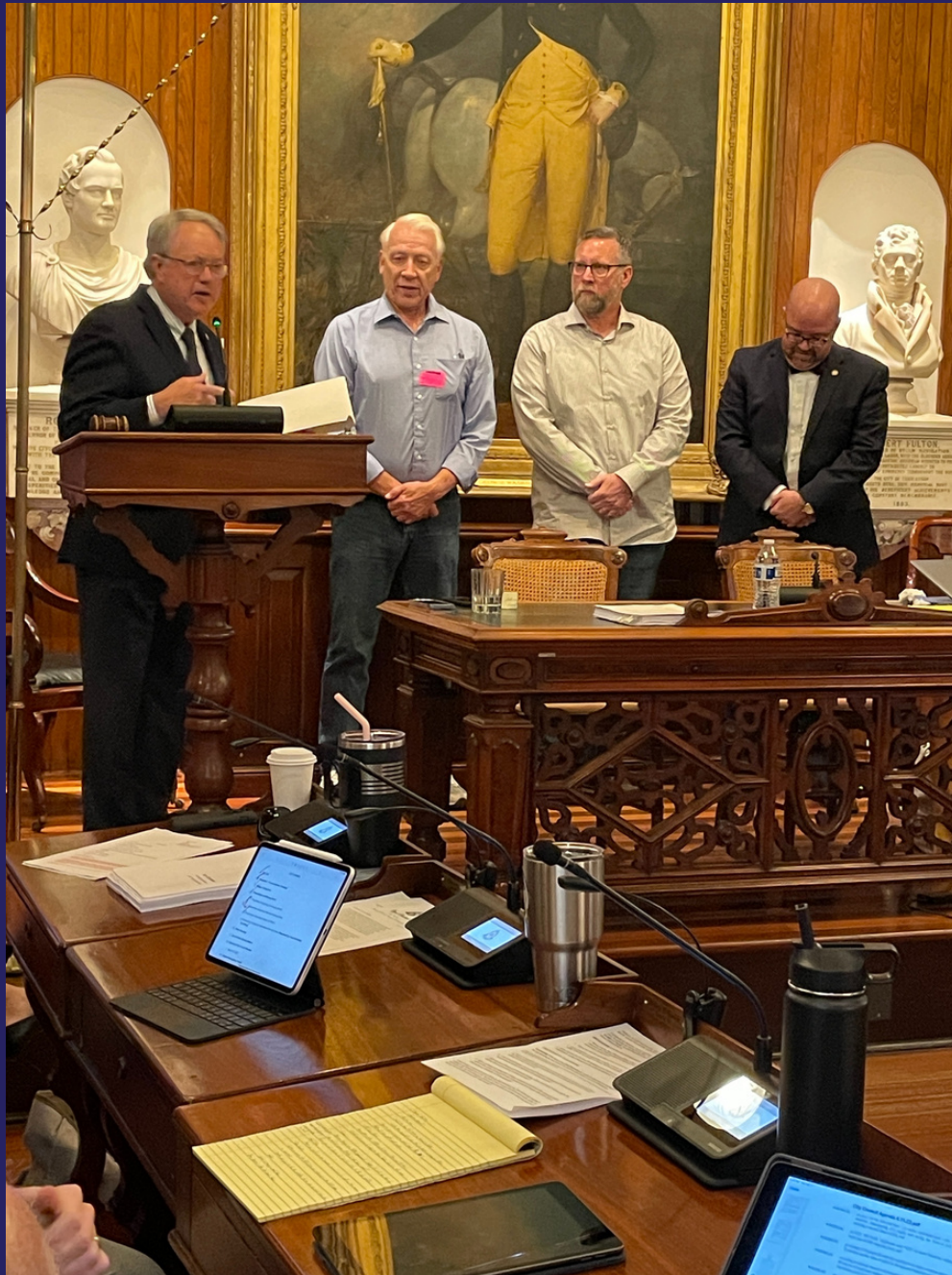
WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week (IDSW) to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting,

Now, therefore, I, KEITH W. HARRA, mayor of the City of Paisley, hereby proclaim **April 15 through 22, 2023** to be *Paisley Dark Sky Week* and encourage all community residents to join in this observance.

Thank you, Mayor Harra



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Executive Proclamation

Rapid City, South Dakota
Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people within the community of Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to view star-filled skies over Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Custer State Park, the Black Hills Forest, Hidden Valley Observatory, and other parts of the Black Hills attracts tourists to this region and therefore, economically benefit to Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, light pollution originating from within the City creates widespread skyglow that reaches and impacts the areas mentioned above.

WHEREAS, "light pollution" is defined as any adverse effect or impact attributable to artificial light, and represents a waste of natural resources amounting to about \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, artificial light at night within the United States, the Black Hills and Rapid City continues to grow at an average rate of 2 to 6 percent per year; and

WHEREAS, The Rapid City Sustainability Committee and local International Dark Sky Chapter hosted the first local lights out event here in 2016.

WHEREAS, While embracing the larger movement the Rapid City Dark Sky Week event is focused especially on protecting and enjoying dark night skies with lights out pledges, activities, and celebration.

NOW, therefore, I, Steve Allender, Mayor of Rapid City, do hereby proclaim April 22nd through April 30th, 2023 as

Dark Sky Week

In Rapid City and encourage residents, businesses, visitors, employees and neighbors of Rapid City to celebrate the night sky and the natural nocturnal environment; and to learn about responsible lighting practices that prevent or reduce light pollution and that protect the natural qualities of the night for the good of people, wildlife, ecosystems, and climate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Rapid City this 27th day of April, 2023.

Steve Allender, Mayor
Rapid City, South Dakota



THANK YOU, MAYOR ALLENDER



Proclamation

By Catherine Eaves, City of Alpine Mayor

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and visitors; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world’s population, and 98-percent of Texas’ population, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alpine lies at the heart of the Big Bend region of Texas, one of the darkest areas remaining in North America, and is part of the Greater Big Bend International Dark Sky Reserve, the largest area in the world certified by the International Dark Sky Association; and

WHEREAS, astronomical research at McDonald Observatory and other facilities in the Big Bend region depend upon access to dark night skies to be successful; and

WHEREAS, the Big Bend region is home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species, and is visited by hundreds of migratory bird species, which rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, navigate, and thrive; and

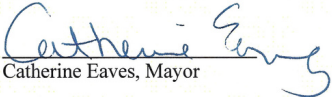
WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, promotes International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Catherine Eaves, Mayor of the City of Alpine Texas, on behalf of the community, do hereby recognize April 15, 2023 to April 22, 2023, as

International Dark-Sky Week

In the City of Alpine, Texas and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources and helping Alpine be the leader in dark-sky awareness for the region.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April in the Year 2023.


Catherine Eaves, Mayor



Brewster County, Texas



DARK SKY WEEK 2023 PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: The aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind, and
- WHEREAS: The experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and visitors, and
- WHEREAS: Light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities, and
- WHEREAS: 80 percent of the world's population, and a major percent of Texas' population, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—many residents of the world may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky and
- WHEREAS: Brewster County lies at the heart of the Big Bend region of Texas, one of the darkest areas remaining in North America, and is part of the Greater Big Bend International Dark Sky Reserve, the largest area in the world certified by the International Dark Sky Association, and
- WHEREAS: Astronomical research at McDonald Observatory and other facilities in the Big Bend region depend upon access to dark night skies to be successful, and
- WHEREAS: The Big Bend region is home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species, and is visited by hundreds of migratory bird species, which rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, navigate and thrive, and
- WHEREAS: The International Dark Sky Association is the globally recognized authority on light pollution, promotes International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Now, therefore, I, Greg Henington, Judge of Brewster County, do hereby declare April 15-22, 2023, as INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK in Brewster County and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources and helping Brewster County be a leader in dark-sky awareness for the region.



Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge

Thank you,
Judge Henington



Dallas, Texas



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution caused by excessive and irresponsible outdoor lighting represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Dallas, Texas, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, Texas has 20 International Dark Sky Places certified by the International Dark-Sky Association for making changes to outdoor lighting in their areas and pledging to continue to do outreach about responsible outdoor lighting and dark sky awareness; and

WHEREAS, astrotourism in the state of Texas fueled by these International Dark Sky Places bring significant economic benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas, partnered with the University of Texas at Dallas, depends on dark skies for astronomical research, education, and outreach to promote scientific study and curiosity; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, headquartered in Arizona, in partnership with the International Dark-Sky Association Texas Chapter, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, do hereby declare April 15-22, 2023 as

DARK SKY WEEK

in Dallas, Texas and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for combating light pollution.


Mayor, The City of Dallas



Thank you, Mayor Johnson

Horseshoe Bay, Texas



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF HORSESHOE BAY

DECLARING APRIL 15–22, 2023 AS “INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK” IN HORSESHOE BAY

- WHEREAS,** the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities; and
- WHEREAS,** light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and
- WHEREAS,** light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and
- WHEREAS,** Texas is home to hundreds of nocturnal wildlife species who rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, migrate and thrive; and
- WHEREAS,** star gazing is much valued in the community of Horseshoe Bay and residents choose the city to escape the traffic and light pollution of larger cities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Horseshoe Bay, Texas has been recognized as a designated Dark Sky Community since November 2015 based on its exemplary efforts to preserve its naturally dark nighttime conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** during the week of April 15-22, 2023, citizens are encouraged to learn more about light pollution and the simple solutions that are available to mitigate it. Information and resources are available on the International Dark Sky Association website at www.darksky.org.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Cynthia Clinesmith, do hereby proclaim:

1. April 15 – 22, 2023 shall hereafter be known as “International Dark Sky Week” in Horseshoe Bay.
2. The City calls upon the citizens of Horseshoe Bay to recognize this week by appreciating the values of a dark sky initiatives including astronomy, wildlife, energy efficiency, safety, and human health.
3. Support the City’s efforts to ensure preservation of our night sky.
4. The City Secretary is hereby instructed to post this proclamation for public display and enter this document into the historical records of the municipality.

Issued this, the 1st day of April, 2023


Cynthia Clinesmith, Mayor

Thank you, Mayor Clinesmith



*Proclamation
of the City of Jonestown, Texas
International Dark Sky Week*



Whereas, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

Whereas, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area-visitors within the local community; and

Whereas, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which resulting in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

Whereas, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Texas, lives under a dome of light pollution, excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness. Many never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark night sky; and

Whereas, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

Whereas, the City of Jonestown has charged a volunteer, resident committee to actively pursue designation as an International Dark Sky Community by the International Dark Sky Association; and

Whereas, hill country communities are increasingly dedicated to preserving our night sky as evidenced by those that have already received this designation and many others that are currently in process; and

Whereas, to obtain this designation requires community dedication, compliance, and adherence to lighting ordinances, outreach programs for all residents, educational experiences, and ongoing programs to maintain this designation in perpetuity; and

Whereas, light pollution, wasted light that performs no function or task and artificial light that is not managed or properly directed, is steadily increasing in our area due to an influx of people into the Texas Hill Country region; and

Jonestown, Texas



Whereas, correctly and actively addressing light pollution will help preserve our natural, dark skies for future generations, increase safety, reduce energy waste, protect, and preserve our wildlife, especially the annual migration of hundreds of avian species, as well as benefit human health; and

Whereas, the International Dark-Sky Association, is the globally recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection and enjoyment of night skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Whereas, the efforts of the International Dark-Sky Association to preserve and celebrate our night skies is worthy of a week-long celebration;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Jonestown, TX, here by declare April 15-22, 2023, as;

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

- We ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting and preserving our precious night skies resources.
- That the City Secretary is hereby instructed to post this Proclamation for Public display and enter this document into the permanent records of the City of Jonestown.



In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed


Paul Johnson, Mayor

Attest: 

Thank you,
Mayor Johnson &
City of Jonestown



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State of Utah



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, more than 80% of residents in North America can no longer view the Milky Way at night from their home;

Whereas, Utah is home to some of the darkest skies on earth and currently leads the world in dark sky preservation with 24 accredited International Dark Sky places including all of the Mighty 5® national parks, 10 state parks, and two towns;

Whereas, visitors to Utah engaging in astrotourism tend to stay longer, spend more, and mitigate harmful tourism impacts on the local community;

Whereas, astrotourism is anticipated to generate nearly \$6 billion and support over 113,000 new jobs in the American Southwest over the next decade;

Whereas, star-gazing, astronomy programs, star parties, dark sky photography and many other activities allow Utah residents and visitors to enjoy the physical and emotional benefits of the night sky;

Whereas, the implementation of dark sky practices in land use, construction, utilities, and other aspects of community life actively promotes local governance, reduces energy costs, and preserves Utah's Western lifestyle;

Whereas, dark skies are integral to the well-being of many animal and plant species, and are demonstrated to have positive health impacts to human beings; and,

Whereas, we wish to recognize the efforts and advocacy of federal, state, local, and non-profit agencies, as well as Utah's recreation, tourism, and education sectors, which make night sky opportunities in our state available for all to enjoy;

Now, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare April 2023 as

Utah Dark Sky Month


Spencer J. Cox
Governor



Thank you,
Governor Cox



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Castle Valley, Utah



Town of Castle Valley Dark Sky Week Proclamation

Whereas, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

Whereas, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

Whereas, the International Dark Sky Association reports that 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Utah, live under a dome of light pollution-excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

Whereas, the International Dark Sky Association reports that light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

Whereas, the Town of Castle Valley has been governed by a strict lighting ordinance that has been enforced since 1991. An updated lighting ordinance that incorporates the guidelines recommended by the International Dark Sky Association was passed on December 15, 2021; and

Whereas, Dark skies have been and continue to be a priority for Castle Valley residents as shown by past General Plan surveys were in respondents repeatedly confirm their support for the scenic, rural, natural, open space, and dark skies of Castle Valley; and

Whereas, the Town of Castle is actively working towards International Dark Sky Community Designation status; and

Whereas, the International Dark-Sky Association, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Therefore, I, Jazmine Duncan, Mayor of the Town of Castle Valley, do hereby declare April 15-22, 2023 as INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK.

In the Town of Castle Valley ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

Jazmine Duncan

Mayor of the Town of Castle Valley

Thank you, Mayor Duncan



MOAB UTAH
International Dark Sky Week
April 15-22, 2023
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and visitors within Moab; and

WHEREAS, Utah currently has 24 certified International Dark Sky Parks and communities, the highest concentration in the world, and

WHEREAS, Moab City is in process of completing its International Dark Sky Community application; and

WHEREAS, Moab City has established an improved Lighting Ordinance to ensure compliance with outdoor lighting, and

WHEREAS, Moab City in partnership with the non-profit Friends of Arches and Canyonlands Parks provides financial resources to assist those unable to afford outdoor lighting replacement fixtures; and

WHEREAS, Astro-tourism within Utah and Moab brings significant economic benefit to surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Utah, live under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

Moab, Utah

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Joette Langianese, Mayor of Moab, Utah, do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023, as International Dark Sky Week and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources in Moab and the surrounding area.

Dated the 11th Day of April 2023

Sincerely,

Joette Langianese
Mayor Moab City

Thank you, Mayor Langianese

Toquerville, Utah



City of Toquerville *Washington County, Utah*

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to view star-filled skies attracts tourists to our region, and

WHEREAS, preserving the historic heritage of starry night skies of Toquerville is important to its citizens, and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, Toquerville is a pathway for visitors from around the world to the Zion National Park, now one of the five International Dark Sky Parks in Utah; and

WHEREAS, the City of Toquerville has recognized the importance and benefit of dark skies by enacting a dark sky ordinance for lighting within the City,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of Toquerville, Utah:

1. That April 15 – 22, 2023 is recognized as International Dark Sky Week.
2. That the City Council encourages each resident to observe and ponder upon this important week and support protecting our precious dark sky resource.
3. That the City Council encourages citizens to learn about light pollution and why it matters, night sky friendly lighting, and lighting regulations that will reduce light pollution and preserve our night skies.

Justin Sip, Mayor

Thank you, Mayor Sip



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State of Virginia



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind, and the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within Virginia's local communities; and

WHEREAS, the greatest number of Dark Sky Parks east of the Mississippi are in Virginia, and Virginia's national, state, and local parks — including Staunton River, James River, Natural Bridge and Sky Meadows State Parks — are home to dozens of species who rely on undisturbed night environments to thrive; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Virginia, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting with the help of Virginia residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize April 15-22, 2023, as **INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK** in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.



Glenn Youngkin
Ray C. James
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Thank you,
Governor
Youngkin

Alexandria, Virginia



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has adopted the International Dark-Sky Association's (IDA) criteria for Community Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting, and has already approved five athletic fields that have been certified as meeting these criteria; and

WHEREAS, Outdoor Sports Lighting will seek to minimize neighborhood lighting nuisance by greatly reducing local spill and glare, manage high angle light pollution, thus dramatically decreasing off-site light trespass and sky glow, mitigate neighborhood light pollution and sky glow, which will benefit the environment, the astronomy community, and others impacted by poorly designed outdoor sports facilities, and minimize lumen densities, thereby reducing energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Alexandria City Council adopted the first Eco-City Charter in the Commonwealth of Virginia defining Alexandria's commitment to ecological, economic, and social sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria's Environmental Action Plan has specific goals to reduce energy usage through efficient lighting and other projects; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria is in the process of converting all streetlights to efficient LED lights that reduce energy consumption and reduce light pollution through better light directionality; and

WHEREAS, light pollution trespassing into residences can lead to sleep deprivation which can impact both mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, all deserve equal access to the beauty and wonder of a natural night sky; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe and encourages an interest in science and nature, especially among young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the great City of Alexandria, Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 15 through 22, 2023 as:

"DARK-SKY WEEK"

In the City of Alexandria, Virginia and urge all to celebrate the pristine and undisturbed dark skies throughout the Commonwealth by identifying and turning off unnecessary exterior lights throughout the week and consider turning them off permanently and take a moment to ponder our role in protecting this valuable resource and connection to our environment now and for future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 1st day of April 2023.



MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton
Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Thank you, Mayor Trivett



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Arlington, Virginia



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March 6, 2023

Dear Ms. Kragie,

On behalf of the Arlington County Board, we offer this letter of support for International Dark Sky Week, the week of April 15 – 22, 2023. We support the mission of reducing light pollution in our community and encourage Arlington residents to learn about this important environmental issue.

In addition to benefiting birds and other animals, the dimming and turning off of outdoor lights at night brings us closer to nature and the incredible wonders of the night sky. The untarnished night sky is something that everyone, regardless of where they live, should be able to enjoy.

We sincerely thank the International Dark Sky Association, Dark Sky Friends, the George Mason Observatory, and all of those involved in these initiatives, for their advocacy on this topic. We look forward to the future of the night sky and how the northern Virginia region can contribute to reducing light pollution.

Sincerely,

Christian Dorsey, Chair

Thank you, Arlington County Board



Ashland, Virginia



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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of star-filled skies are the heritage of all humankind and locally to the inhabitants of the Town of Ashland and are therefore worthy of celebration; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a star-filled night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and may encourage interest in science and nature especially among young people; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to view star-filled skies attracts tourists to our region and therefore economic benefit to the Town of Ashland; and

WHEREAS, preserving the rich historic heritage and starry night skies of the Town of Ashland is important to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, we are fortunate to have the Keeble Observatory in town on the beautiful campus of Randolph-Macon College, which certainly benefits from Dark-Sky principles; and

WHEREAS, "light pollution," which is wasted light that performs no function or task and artificial light that goes where it is not supposed to go, is created by glare, light trespass, sky glow, and over lighting; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council on November 20, 2012, amended Section 21-266 of the Town Code, "General Lighting Standards" to comply with the International Dark-Sky Association's suggested requirements to reduce light pollution; and

Now, Therefore, on behalf of the Ashland Town Council, we do hereby proclaim the week of April 15-22, 2023, as

Dark-Sky Week

And Further, we encourage all citizens to learn about light pollution and to implement practices and lighting improvements that will reduce light pollution, thereby preserving our night skies.

Dated this 4th day of April 2023.

Steven P. Trivett, Mayor

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Thank you, Mayor Trivett



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Fairfax, Virginia



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and*
- WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and*
- WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in the City of Fairfax, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and*
- WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and*
- WHEREAS, Virginia has the most dark-skies parks on the East Coast. The parks achieved the designation by establishing an outdoor lighting policy that minimized light pollution, outreach to the local community, and hosting and promoting programs for guests to enjoy stargazing.*
- WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.*

NOW THEREFORE, I, Catherine S. Read, Mayor of the City of Fairfax, do hereby declare April 15-22, 2023 as

International Dark Sky Week

In the City of Fairfax, and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

Done this fourth day of April 2023.

Attest:

Melannee Chappell
City Clerk



Catherine S. Read
Mayor

Thank you, Mayor Read



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Falls Church, Virginia



Thank you,
Mayor Tarter



Leesburg, Virginia

The Town of
Leesburg,
Virginia

PROCLAMATION

*Declaring April 15-22, 2023, International Dark Sky
Week in the Town of Leesburg*

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind and the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people; and

WHEREAS, the greatest number of Dark Sky Parks east of the Mississippi are located in Virginia, and Virginia's national, state, and local parks — including Sky Meadows State Park located just 40 minutes southwest of Leesburg — offer nighttime viewing opportunities, astronomy programs, and are home to dozens of species who rely on undisturbed night environments to thrive; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Northern Virginia, live under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and must travel to rural areas to experience the visual wonder of the dark sky; and

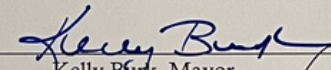
WHEREAS, light pollution, which is often avoidable by implementing best practices, can have economic, public health, and environmental consequences on communities; and

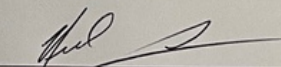
WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

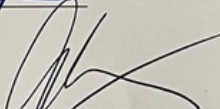
WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting with the help of Virginia residents coordinating Dark Virginia Sky.

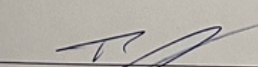
THEREFORE, PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia do hereby declare April 15-22, 2023, as International Dark Sky Week in Leesburg and ask each resident to join, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

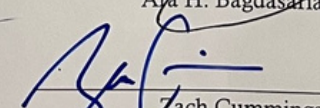
PROCLAIMED this 11th day of April 2023.

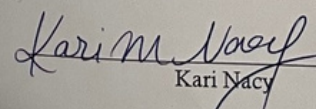

Kelly Burk, Mayor

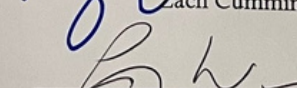

Neil Steinberg, Vice Mayor


Ara H. Bagdasarian


Todd Cimino-Johnson


Zach Cummings


Kari Nacy


Patrick Wilt

Thank you,
Mayor Burk & Town
Council of Leesburg



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Loudoun County, Virginia



LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** The International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) is the recognized authority on light pollution and is the leading organization combating light pollution worldwide; and
- WHEREAS** IDA and its partner organizations are dedicated to celebrating and protecting our night skies around the world as a shared heritage benefitting all living things; and
- WHEREAS** 80 percent of the world's population lives under artificial lighting – excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness – while Loudoun County's rural countryside, parks, forests, vineyards, breweries, and farms are home to many species of animals who rely on undisturbed light to hunt, mate, and thrive; and
- WHEREAS** IDA provides free educational tools, resources, and solutions for individuals, policymakers, and industries to reduce light pollution and promote responsible outdoor lighting to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies; and
- WHEREAS** We believe the night is a shared global heritage – for every person for all time, and light justice requires responsible lighting and access to a night free of light pollution for all communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of April 15-22, 2023, as

International Dark Sky Week

in Loudoun County, so residents may join in observing this important week, and in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

Phyllis J. Randall, Chair At-Large

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Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
April 18, 2023



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Thank you,
Loudoun County
Board of Supervisors



Rappahannock County, Virginia

Resolution re: International Dark Skies Week 03/09/2023

WHEREAS the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared human heritage, and the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, sparks artistic creativity, and encourages interest in science and nature, especially among young people; and

WHEREAS the residents of Rappahannock County are uniquely fortunate to experience the ecological, health, and aesthetic benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS naturally dark skies are scientifically shown to support wildlife, including many species of mammals and birds present in Rappahannock County that depend on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, thrive, and survive; and

WHEREAS the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies;

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Virginia is home to the greatest number of Dark Sky Parks east of the Mississippi;

WHEREAS the International Dark Sky Association awarded International Dark Sky Park status to the Rappahannock County Park on February 21, 2019, validating the community's commitment to maintain the County's pristine night skies;

WHEREAS International Dark Sky week is marked every year during the week of the new moon in April and will be observed from April 15 – 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Rappahannock County Park has scheduled a number of events during the week of April 15-22, specifically, the Fodderstack 10K Race, which supports the Park, will take place on April 15, 2023 and the first Dark Sky event of the 2023 season will take place at the Park on April 22, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, the Rappahannock County Recreational Facilities Authority (RCRFA) resolves as follows:

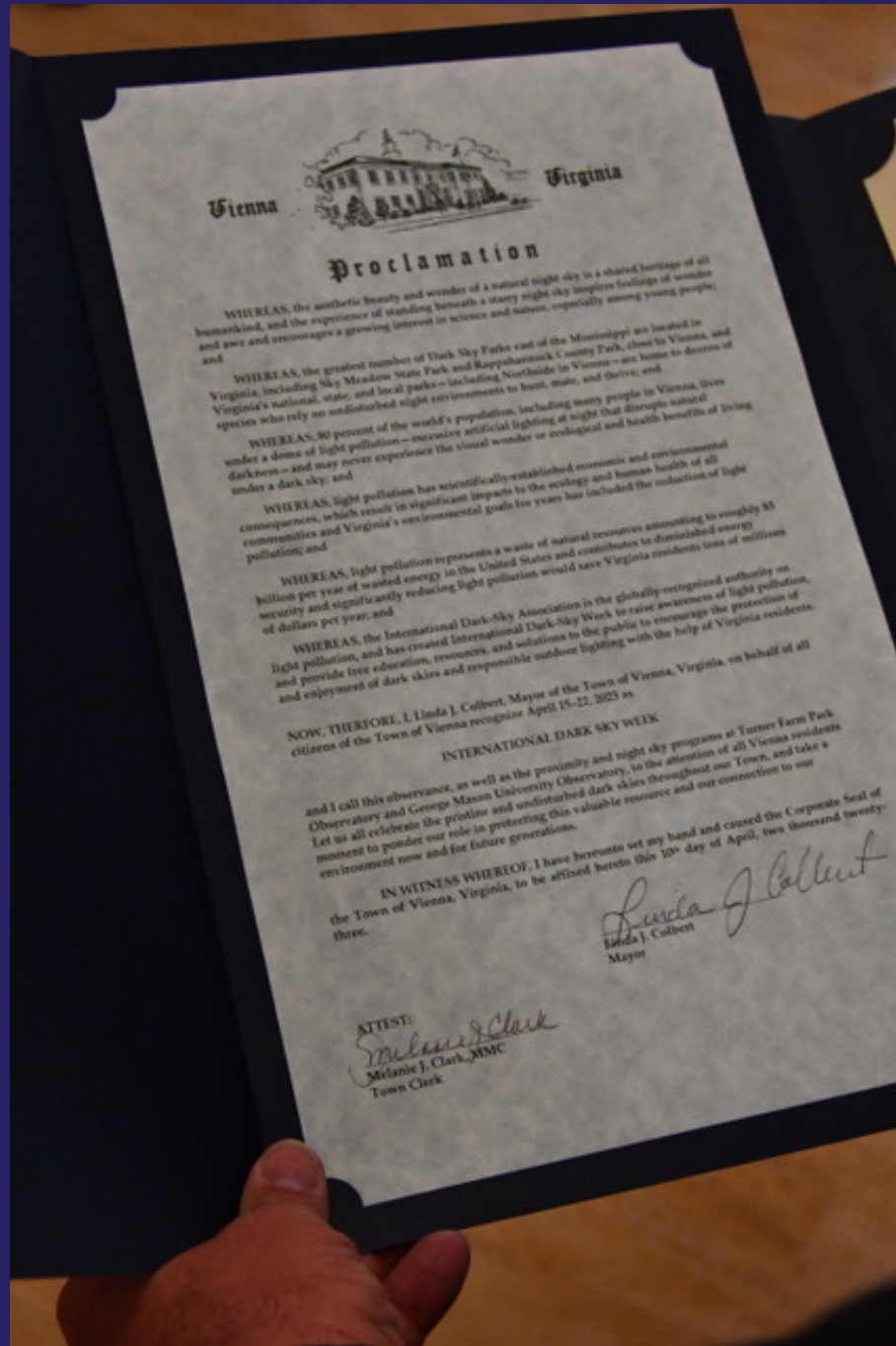
Resolved that RCRFA does hereby recognize April 15-22, 2023 as INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK.

Resolved that RCRFA authorizes the Chair, Becky Burr, to issue the attached Proclamation calling INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK to the attention of Rappahannock County residents.

Thank you,
Rappahannock
County Recreational
Facilities Authority



Vienna, Virginia



Thank you,
Mayor Colbert



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Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, DC
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Proclamation



INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

APRIL 15-22, 2023

WHEREAS, light pollution is the excessive use of artificial outdoor light that disrupts the natural wildlife patterns, increases carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, disrupts human sleep, and obscures the night sky; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) created International Dark Sky Week to promote the protection and enjoyment of natural night skies; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population lives under excessive artificial lighting and DC area parks are home to dozens of animal species that rely on undisturbed light to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, light pollution accounts for roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in our nation, and reducing light pollution would save DC residents millions of dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, IDA and its partner organizations are dedicated to increasing awareness about astronomy and the negative impacts of light pollution in the District of Columbia and across the globe:

NOW, THEREFORE I, Muriel Bowser, the MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023, as "INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK" in Washington, DC.



Thank you,
Mayor Bowser



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State of Washington



Thank you,
Governor Inslee

Clallam County, Washington



Thank you,
Clallam County
Commissioners



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State of West Virginia



Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind, and the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people; and

Whereas, many of the Dark Sky Parks and Dark Sky places including New River Gorge National Park, Spruce Knob, Blackwater Falls State Park, Seneca State Park, and more, east of the Mississippi are located in West Virginia, and West Virginia's national, state and local parks are home to dozens of species who rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

Whereas, 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in West Virginia, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

Whereas, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts on the ecology and human health of all communities and Virginia's environmental goals for years have included the reduction of light pollution; and

Whereas, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security and significantly reducing light pollution would save West Virginia residents tens of millions of dollars per year; and

Whereas, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting with the help of West Virginia residents.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *April 15-22, 2023* as:

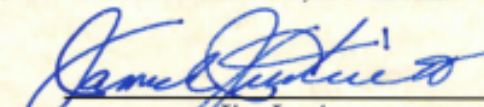
International Dark Sky Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

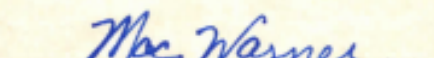
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State

Thank you, Governor Justice



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State of Wisconsin

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's star-filled skies are a part of the state's natural heritage and light pollution, which refers to excessive artificial light that brightens the night sky through glare, light trespass, sky glow, or overlighting, is a threat to the state's natural night environment; and

WHEREAS; Door County, in particular, is known for its dark skies, Milky Way views, opportunities to catch the aurora borealis, and diverse nocturnal and diurnal wildlife species, plants, and insects, which are all jeopardized by increasing light pollution; and

WHEREAS; the experience of standing beneath a dark, star-filled night sky can inspire feelings of wonder and awe and may even encourage interest in science and nature, particularly in young people; and

WHEREAS; Newport State Park at the far end of the Door Peninsula was designated as Wisconsin's first Dark Sky Park by the International Dark Sky Association in 2017 in recognition of its adherence to dark sky principles; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the International Dark Sky Association and vested individuals in Door County and across the state in celebrating the night sky, raising awareness of light pollution, and promoting the use of environmentally responsible lighting around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 15 – 22, 2023, as

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 24th day
of March 2023.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State

Thank you, Governor Evers



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Dane County, Wisconsin



The County of Dane

Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the continued existence of light pollution, as the standard living condition for over 83% of all people, has clear and detrimental impacts on the health and wellness of every citizen of Dane County, regardless of where in the county they live, and on the health and survival of the wide diversity of wildlife and habitats within its borders; and

WHEREAS, the future vibrancy and economic competitiveness of Dane County depends on the transition of energy consumption policies, practices and procedures to those of carbon neutrality. Dane County has a proud heritage of incorporating green spaces and the engagement with the natural world and is valued and prioritized in the decision-making process of County governance and the safety of every citizen is a fundamental product of this effective governance; and

WHEREAS, Dane County is home to the University of Wisconsin – Madison's Pine Bluff Observatory, the historic UW Washburn Observatory, the Bell-Burnell Observatory, UW Space Place, the Madison Metropolitan School District Planetarium, and the Madison Astronomical Society. Dane County is recognized as a center for the exploration of the Universe through research and an educational focus on the science, technology, engineering and mathematics through which we explore and engage with the Cosmos; and

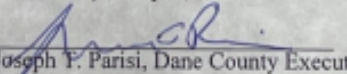
WHEREAS, the five principles of Responsible Outdoor lighting, promoted by the International Dark Sky Association, which state that lighting must be useful, targeted, at the lowest useful intensity, controlled to be "on" only when needed and of the warmest possible color, are encouraged for all governments, businesses and individuals throughout Dane County; and

WHEREAS, light pollution is an issue that can be greatly impacted and mitigated in its negative impact through effective education, development of community awareness and action steps that focus on light pollution issues. The effectiveness of carbon neutrality and energy efficiency efforts, and on accessibility to the splendor of the Universe, can be experienced by looking into a dark sky.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive, **proclaim April 15th through April 22nd, 2023**, in alignment with the International Dark Sky Association, **as Dark Sky Week in Dane County.**



Signed in the County of Dane, State of Wisconsin,
this 3rd day of April, 2023.


Joseph P. Parisi, Dane County Executive

Thank you,
Dane County
Executive Parisi



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Fitchburg, Wisconsin



Recognizing April 15-April 22 as Dark Sky Week

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the continued existence of light pollution, as the standard living condition for over 83% of all people, has clear and detrimental impacts on the health and wellness of every citizen of the City of Fitchburg, regardless of where in the city they live, and on the health and survival of the wide diversity of wildlife and habitats within its urban borders; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fitchburg has a proud heritage of incorporating green spaces and the engagement with the natural world is valued and prioritized in the decision-making process of City governance and the safety of every citizen is a fundamental product of this effective governance; and

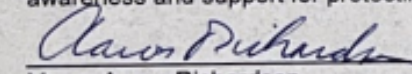
WHEREAS, the City of Fitchburg is the home of the former University of Wisconsin – Madison's historic Student Observatory (now rededicated as the Bell-Burnell Observatory), and is in close proximity to the UW Space Place, the Madison Metropolitan School District Planetarium, and the Madison Astronomical Society. It is a city recognized as a center for the exploration of the Universe through research and an educational focus on the science, technology, engineering and mathematics through which we explore and engage with the Cosmos around us; and

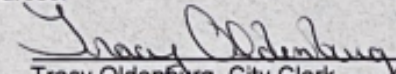
WHEREAS, the 5 principles of Responsible Outdoor lighting, promoted by the International Dark Sky Association, state that lighting must be useful, targeted, at the lowest useful intensity, controlled to be "on" only when needed and of the warmest possible color; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fitchburg encourages the use of dark sky lighting in development projects; and

WHEREAS, light pollution is an issue that can be greatly impacted and mitigated in its negative impact through effective education, development of community awareness and action steps that focus on light pollution issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Aaron Richardson, Mayor of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 15 through April 22, 2023, in alignment with the International Dark Sky Association, as Dark Sky Week in the City of Fitchburg and ask each resident to join me not only in observing and pondering this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our dark skies resources.


Mayor Aaron Richardson


Tracy Oldenburg, City Clerk



Thank you,
Mayor Richardson



Madison, Wisconsin

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the continued existence of light pollution, as the standard living condition for over 83% of all people, has clear and detrimental impacts on the health and wellness of every citizen of the City of Madison, regardless of where in the city they live, and on the health and survival of the wide diversity of wildlife and habitats within its urban borders; and

WHEREAS, the future vibrancy and economic competitiveness of the City of Madison depends on the transition of energy consumption policies, practices and procedures to those of a carbon neutrality. The City of Madison has a proud heritage of incorporating green spaces and the engagement with the natural world and is valued and prioritized in the decision making process of City governance and the safety of every citizen is a fundamental product of this effective governance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is the home of the University of Wisconsin – Madison and the historic Washburn Observatory, the UW Space Place, the Madison Metropolitan School District Planetarium, and the Madison Astronomical Society. It is a city recognized as a world renowned center for the exploration of the Universe through research and an educational focus on the science, technology, engineering and mathematics through which we explore and engage with the Cosmos around us; and

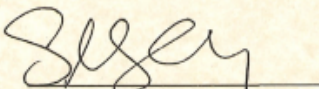
WHEREAS, the 5 principles of Responsible Outdoor lighting, promoted by the International Dark Sky Association, which state that lighting must be useful, targeted, at the lowest useful intensity, controlled so as to be "on" only when needed and of the warmest possible color. As recognized in the City of Madison Chapter 29.36 of its ordinances, which regulates outdoor lighting, and includes provisions to limit light spill, trespass and glare, requires shielding on lighting, limits up-lighting, and establishes maximum levels of cast-off light past the lot line so as to focus lighting where it is intended, and minimize negative impacts beyond where the light is intended. And further amended this chapter to restrict un-shielded lighting, and add requirements for lower-power light sources and further amended chapter 31 of the City's sign code to limit excessive lighting from internally illuminated signs; and

WHEREAS, light pollution is an issue that can be greatly impacted and mitigated in its negative impact through effective education, development of community awareness and action steps that focus on light pollution issues. The effectiveness of carbon neutrality and energy efficiency efforts, and on accessibility to the splendor of the Universe, can be experienced by looking into a dark sky.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 15 through April 22, 2023, in alignment with the International Dark Sky Association, as



Dark Sky Week
In the City of Madison.


Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
Signed and sealed this 3rd day of February, 2023 at City Hall

Thank you, Rhodes-Conway



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Sun Prairie, Wisconsin



WHEREAS, it is recognized that the continued existence of light pollution, as the standard living condition for over 83% of all people, has clear and detrimental impacts on the health and wellness of every citizen of the City of Sun Prairie, regardless of where in the city they live, and on the health and survival of the wide diversity of wildlife and habitats within its urban borders; and

WHEREAS, the future vibrancy and economic competitiveness of the City of Sun Prairie depends on the transition of energy consumption policies, practices and procedures to those of a carbon neutrality. The City of Sun Prairie has a proud heritage of incorporating green spaces and the engagement with the natural world and is valued and prioritized in the decision-making process of City governance and the safety of every citizen is a fundamental product of this effective governance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sun Prairie is in close proximity to the University of Wisconsin – Madison’s historic Washburn Observatory, The UW Student Observatory (now rededicated as the Bell-Burnell Observatory), UW Space Place, the Madison Metropolitan School District Planetarium, and the Madison Astronomical Society. It is a city recognized as a center for the exploration of the Universe through research and an educational focus on the science, technology, engineering and mathematics through which we explore and engage with the Cosmos around us; and

WHEREAS, the 5 principles of Responsible Outdoor lighting, promoted by the International Dark Sky Association, which state that lighting must be useful, targeted, at the lowest useful intensity, controlled to be “on” only when needed and of the warmest possible color, as recognized in the City of Sun Prairie ordinances and regulations; and

WHEREAS, light pollution is an issue that can be greatly impacted and mitigated in its negative impact through effective education, development of community awareness and action steps that focus on light pollution issues. The effectiveness of carbon neutrality and energy efficiency efforts, and on accessibility to the splendor of the Universe, can be experienced by looking into a dark sky.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul T. Esser, Mayor of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 15 through April 22, 2023, in alignment with the International Dark Sky Association, as

DARK SKY WEEK

In the City of Sun Prairie.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sun Prairie to be affixed on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

Paul Esser, Mayor

Thank you, Mayor Esser

Verona, Wisconsin



2023 PROCLAMATION DECLARING DARK SKY WEEK IN THE CITY OF VERONA

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the continued existence of light pollution, as the standard living condition for over 83% of all people, has clear and detrimental impacts on the health and wellness of every citizen of the City of Verona, regardless of where in the city they live, and on the health and survival of the wide diversity of wildlife and habitats within its urban borders; and

WHEREAS, the future vibrancy and economic competitiveness of the City of Verona depends on the transition of energy consumption policies, practices and procedures to those of a carbon neutrality. The City of Verona has a proud heritage of incorporating green spaces and the engagement with the natural world and is valued and prioritized in the decision-making process of City governance and the safety of every citizen is a fundamental product of this effective governance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Verona is in close proximity to the home of the MMSD Observatory, and is in close proximity to the former University of Wisconsin – Madison’s historic Student Observatory (now rededicated as the Bell-Burnell Observatory UW Space Place, the Madison Metropolitan School District Planetarium, and the Madison Astronomical Society). It is a city recognized as a center for the exploration of the Universe through research and an educational focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics through which we explore and engage with the Cosmos around us; and

WHEREAS, the five principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting, promoted by the International Dark Sky Association, which state that lighting must be useful, targeted, at the lowest useful intensity, controlled to be “on” only when needed and of the warmest possible color, as recognized in the City of Verona ordinances and regulations.

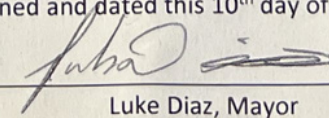
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Luke Diaz, Mayor of Verona, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 15 through April 22, 2023, in alignment with the International Dark Sky Association, as Dark Sky Week in the City of Verona.



Signed and dated this 10th day of April 2023

By:


Luke Diaz, Mayor

Thank you, Mayor Diaz



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