



BURNET COUNTY SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE NIGHT SKIES

WHEREAS, Burnet County residents recognize the Texas Hill Country for its diverse ecosystems, ethics for land stewardship, rich cultural heritage, and breathtaking scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of land for recreational and non-traditional agricultural uses in recent years has placed greater focus on the community economic and financial benefits of the region's scenic beauty, wildlife and open space, making activities such as tourism, outdoor recreation, hunting and fishing important to many community members; and

WHEREAS, due to the above-described increased use of land, accompanying light trespass from night lighting fixtures has been steadily on the rise, negatively impacting the natural environment and the quality of life of the people in this region by, among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for landowners and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Burnet County is committed to supporting practices that limit or minimize light trespass from night lighting fixtures in order to protect the beauty of the night skies and allow others the full benefit and use of their private property.

NOW, THEREFORE, by action of the Burnet County Commissioner's Court at a duly noticed and help public meeting and as reflected in the minutes of the Court, be it resolved that Burnet County will encourage outdoor lighting fixtures and practices that follow up-to-date suggested guidelines and use available technologies for efficient, cost-effective, non-intrusive lighting and will work with its partners to educate and encourage landowners, businesses, resident communities and public entities to join this commitment to reduce energy consumption, save money and reduce light trespass.

Adopted this 10th day of July, 2012.

Donna Klaeger, County Judge

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