

**Kimble County Chamber of Commerce
& Junction Tourism**

RESOLUTION

“Kimble County - Where Our Stars Are Stars!”

Night Skies Friendly Business Recognition Program

WHEREAS: The beautiful night skies seen with the naked eye throughout Kimble County are part of our rural heritage, our history, and not to be taken for granted, and

WHEREAS: Light Pollution is a true and increasing threat to the beauty of our starry night skies, and

WHEREAS: The preservation of our beautiful night skies is an established goal of our City and County, and

WHEREAS: Night Sky Tourism has the potential to increase in our community, significantly benefiting local businesses, and

WHEREAS: Many Kimble County businesses already have night sky friendly outdoor lighting that promotes the preservation of our starry night skies, and

WHEREAS: The Kimble County Chamber of Commerce & Junction Tourism strives to be proactive on issues that are of utmost importance to our community, and

WHEREAS: The Kimble County Chamber of Commerce & Junction Tourism seeks to promote and recognize local businesses that have night sky friendly lighting and the incentive it provides for other businesses to follow suit.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

The Kimble County Chamber of Commerce & Junction Tourism hereby establishes the voluntary “Kimble County – Where Our Stars Are Stars” Night Sky Friendly Business Recognition Program, to wit:

1. Members of the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce & Junction Tourism, whether inside or outside the city limits of Junction, may, at their own volition, request the Chamber evaluate information they submit to determine qualification of their businesses for recognition as a “Kimble County Star” Business – having Night Skies Friendly lighting.

2. Information to be evaluated will include explanation memo and photos of Night Skies Friendly lighting in compliance with specifications put forth by the Hill Country Alliance as acceptable as far as actual lighting fixture, and all outdoor lighting on the business premises shall be hooded, shielded, or aimed downward, so that no light trespasses beyond the business property boundary or above the horizontal plane, and if necessary, an on-site evaluation by the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce & Junction Tourism representative.

3. Members of the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce & Junction Tourism who qualify as a “Kimble County Star” Night Skies Friendly Business shall:

a. Be presented with a “Kimble County – Where Our Stars Are Stars” Night Skies Friendly Business Recognition sticker and certificate for display on the business premises.

b. Be authorized to display the “Kimble County – Where Our Stars Are Stars” Night Skies Friendly Business Recognition logo in their advertising and promotional activities, and

c. Have their business name included on a consolidated recognition display to be prominently maintained on public view at rotating locations within this community, i.e. banks, hospital, city offices, PEC, etc.

4. Members of the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce & Junction Tourism who are determined to be eligible to be recognized as a “Kimble County – Where Our Stars Are Stars” Night Skies Friendly Business shall, prior to receiving the recognition, pledge that any new outdoor lighting installed or lighting replaced on the business premises in the future shall be a qualified Night Skies Friendly fixture.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce & Junction Tourism this ____ day of March, 2013

Steven R. Brown

President