

**BLANCO COUNTY RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE NIGHT SKIES**

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

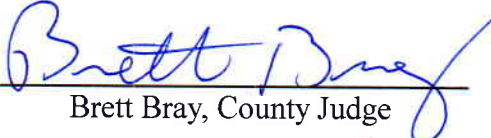
WHEREAS, the increased use of land for recreational and non-traditional agricultural uses in recent years has placed greater focus on the community economic and financial benefits of the region's scenic beauty, wildlife and open space, making activities such as tourism, outdoor recreation, hunting and 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 and wildlife in this region by, among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for landowners and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Blanco 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, be it resolved that the Blanco County Commissioners Court 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, reduce light trespass and protect the health and well-being of wildlife and people.

PASSED and APPROVED this 12 day of July, 2016.


Brett Bray, County Judge


Tommy Weir, Commissioner Precinct 1


James Sultemeier, Commissioner Precinct 2


Chris Liesmann Commissioner Precinct 3


Paul Granberg, Commissioner Precinct 4

ATTEST:


Laura Walla, County Clerk