

**CITY OF BANDERA RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE NIGHT SKIES**

WHEREAS, City of Bandera residents recognize the Texas Hill Country for its rich cultural heritage and breathtaking scenic beauty, including starry night skies; and

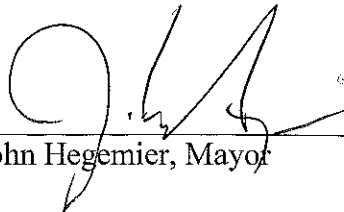
WHEREAS, light trespass from night lighting fixtures has been steadily on the rise, negatively impacting the natural environment and the quality of life of the people in the city by, among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for citizens and visitors alike.

WHEREAS, the City of Bandera is a significant destination for tourism, which is important to many community members, and preserving the starry night skies in and around Bandera will enhance the city's attraction and appeal as a destination for tourism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bandera 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 property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANDERA, TEXAS, that the city shall promote and encourage outdoor lighting fixtures for efficient, cost effective, non-intrusive lighting and will work with its partners to educate and encourage landowners, businesses, residential neighborhoods and public entities to join this commitment to reduce energy consumption, save money, reduce light trespass, and preserve our starry night skies.

Adopted this 15th day of September, 2016



John Hegemier, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherrie Hamilton, City Secretary