

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

WHEREAS, City of Leakey residents recognize the Frio Canyon and surrounding Texas Hill Country for their 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.

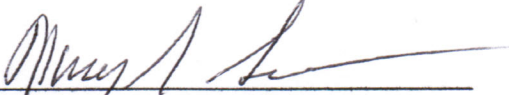
WHEREAS, in recent years greater focus has been placed on the economic and financial benefits of preserving the scenic beauty in and around the city in order to maintain the city's unique historic heritage and enhance tourism; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Leakey 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.

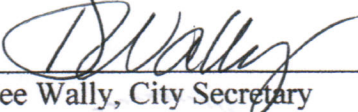
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAKEY, TEXAS, that the city shall promote and encourage outdoor lighting fixtures and practices that follow up-to-date suggested guidelines and use available technologies for efficient, cost effective, non-intrusive lighting and will work with its partners to educate and encourage landowners, businesses, 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 10th day of May, 2016.



Harry Schneeman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dee Wally, City Secretary

