

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE NIGHT SKIES AND THE BENEFITS PROVIDED THEREBY TO OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the City of Junction, Texas, is actively promoting our area as a destination for tourists and new businesses;

WHEREAS, the Night Skies are one of the many important scenic natural resources that attract visitors and businesses to this area;

WHEREAS, light pollution is a growing problem in Texas that prevents the enjoyment of the Night Skies and the economic benefits that come with it;

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve the ability to view our night skies unimpeded by light pollution for residents and visitors alike;

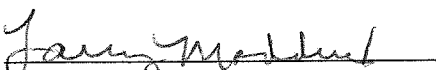
WHEREAS, lighting fixtures that reduce or eliminate light pollution are also less costly to operate; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Kimble County has endorsed voluntary efforts to reduce light pollution and has taken concrete steps toward this end:

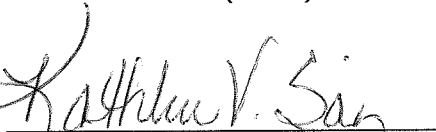
BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JUNCTION, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The City Council endorses voluntary efforts to reduce light pollution within the city limits.
2. The City of Junction will work with its providers of electricity to reduce light pollution.
3. The City of Junction will seek grants to help pay for the modification of the outdoor lighting at its facilities that contribute unintentionally to light pollution.
4. In issuing building permits, the City of Junction will encourage applicants to use Night Skies friendly and cost-effective lighting fixtures.
5. The City Council encourages residents and local businesses to take voluntary steps to reduce intrusive lighting, thereby making our community more attractive to residents, as well as to visitors who bring substantial economic benefits to our area.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JUNCTION, TEXAS ON THIS 9th DAY of April, 2012.

By: 
Larry Maddux, Mayor

ATTEST: (SEAL)

By: 
Kathleen V Saiz, City Secretary