

Proclamation
of the City of Jonestown, Texas
Hill Country Night Sky Month

Whereas, the City of Jonestown, residents, and visitors, recognize that the natural beauty of our hill country and our beautiful night skies are a powerful expression of our quality of life and appeal as a community dedicated to preserving and promoting our natural order, harmony with nature and our star filled, dark sky; and

Whereas, the experience of gazing up at a star-filled night sky inspires feelings of awe, wonder, and can provide a spiritual rejuvenation; and

Whereas, the historical view of the night skies has been eroding in many areas due to light pollution, and generations are growing up with limited, if any, view of the wonders of our universe; and

Whereas, light pollution, wasted light that performs no function or task and artificial light that is not managed or properly directed, is steadily increasing in our area due to an influx of people into the Texas Hill Country region; and

Whereas, correctly addressing light pollution will help preserve our natural, dark skies for future generations, increase safety, reduce energy waste, protect and preserve our wildlife, especially the annual migration of hundreds of avian species, as well as benefit human health; and

Whereas, the City of Jonestown has charged a volunteer, resident committee to actively pursue designation as an International Dark Sky Community by the International Dark Sky Association; and

Whereas, hill country communities are increasingly dedicated to preserving our night sky as evidenced by those that have already received this designation and many others that are currently in process; and

Whereas, to obtain this designation requires community dedication, compliance, and adherence to lighting ordinances, outreach programs for all residents, educational experiences, and ongoing programs to maintain this designation in perpetuity; and

Whereas, the efforts to preserve and celebrate our night skies are worthy of a month-long celebration;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Jonestown, TX:

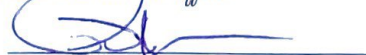
That October, 2021, shall hereafter be known as "**Hill Country Night Sky Month**" in Jonestown;

That the City of Jonestown encourages all citizens to enjoy our night sky, engage in events and programs celebrating the night sky, and support and promote the ways we are working to preserve our dark skies for future generations; and

That the City Secretary is hereby instructed to post this Proclamation for Public display and enter this document into the permanent records of the City of Jonestown.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and

caused this seal to be affixed



Paul Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Rachel Austin Date: 10-14-2021