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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 21-28, 2025 AS "INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, a beautiful star-filled night sky is the shared heritage of all humankind, and the natural beauty of Santa Barbara County, including starry skies, is valued by residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and fosters a growing interest in science and nature, especially among the County's children and youth; and

WHEREAS, light pollution makes it hard to see stars and has scientifically-established negative economic and environmental consequences for plant, animal, and human health throughout the world, including Santa Barbara County's precious natural places – beaches, coastal wetlands, oak woodlands, rural valleys, mountains, and areas in between; and

WHEREAS, light pollution results in roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, reducing light pollution involves directing light down where it is useful instead of up into the sky; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County recently completed comprehensive outdoor lighting regulations to minimize light pollution, conserve energy, and protect the nighttime environment of the County; and

WHEREAS, DarkSky International is the globally recognized authority on light pollution and coordinates International Dark-Sky Week worldwide to celebrate the many ways responsible outdoor lighting can eliminate light pollution, benefiting all life on earth.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED THAT that this Board of Supervisors declares the week of April 21-28, 2025 as International Dark-Sky Week in Santa Barbara County and urges residents to learn about night sky friendly lighting, to implement improvements that reduce light pollution, and to look up and experience the wonder of the star-filled night.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 1st day of April, 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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