

County of Santa Barbara

RESOLUTION NO. 26-74

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 13-20, 2026 AS "INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of Santa Barbara County, including a star-filled night sky, is valued by residents and visitors alike, and standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, fostering 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 impacts 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, Santa Barbara County's comprehensive outdoor lighting regulations demonstrate a commitment to minimize light pollution, conserve energy, and protect the nighttime environment of the County by directing outdoor lighting down where it is useful instead of up into the sky and using outdoor lighting only when and where necessary; 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, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby declare the week of April 13-20, 2026 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 the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of April 2026, by unanimous vote of all members present..



Maria Nieves
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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