



October 18, 2022

Board of Directors
International Dark Sky Association
5049 E. Broadway Blvd. #105
Tucson, AZ 85711

Re: Letter of Support for City of Bee Cave Application for Dark Sky Community Designation

Dear IDA Board of Directors:

On October 18, 2022, the City of Dripping Springs City Council voted to support the City of Bee Cave's application for Dark Sky Community designation by the International Dark Sky Association. The cities are adjacent to each other, and our preservation of the night sky we share has a direct impact on our communities. The City of Dripping Springs sees the City of Bee Cave as a partner in efforts to promote the protection of the night sky and its nocturnal environment for its scientific, natural, educational, and public enjoyment.

The City of Bee Cave has shown its commitment to preserving the night sky by holding events that celebrate the night sky and educate the public about its importance. Such events are an attraction to residents of Dripping Springs and other nearby communities. The City of Bee Cave's commitment is also evident through the adoption and enforcement of a quality lighting ordinance that is based on the International Dark Sky Association's Model Lighting Ordinance. We are also impressed with the properties in their Extraterritorial Jurisdiction that have a lien, easement, or restrictive covenant for the enforcement of dark sky lighting.

The City of Bee Cave is committed to being a steward for the protection of the night sky. This stewardship, and designation of the city as a Dark Sky Community, will act as a catalyst for other dark sky initiatives in the area and will further enforce the commitment to the night sky in the areas within and surrounding our two cities.

Thank you for considering the approval of the designation of the City of Bee Cave as a Dark Sky Community. The City of Dripping Springs looks forward to being Dark Sky Place partners with the City of Bee Cave for the protection and promotion of our starry hill county sky.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Open spaces, friendly faces.