



**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS  
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2023  
AND MARCH – MAY 2024, AS**

**“Lights Out Migratory Months”**

- WHEREAS,** the Audubon National Lights Out Program was established in 1999 in Chicago, Illinois and was organized to protect birds from light pollution; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Lights Out Program encourages businesses and community members to turn off exterior lights from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. during migratory months to reduce light pollution, providing safe and natural migration routes for birds; and,
- WHEREAS,** 1 of every 3 birds migrating through the U.S. passes through Texas, meaning approximately one billion birds travel through the state annually; and,
- WHEREAS,** studies show birds support local economies in Texas through Nature Tourism, which is dominated by birding; and,
- WHEREAS,** birds are essential to our planet’s ecology, provide ecosystem services, act as benchmarks for environmental health, increase livability, and connect people of all ages and abilities to the natural world; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Lights Out Program supports other Dripping Springs city initiatives such as the International Dark Sky Community designation, Jr. Birding Club, and Bird City designation; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Lights Out Dripping Springs Program, once proclaimed, will be listed as an official partner program on the Audubon website alongside other cities offering the program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas:**

1. September through November of 2023 and March through May of 2024 shall hereafter be known as “Lights Out Migratory Months” in Dripping Springs, Hays County Texas.
2. Community members, business owners, and government officials are encouraged to extinguish exterior lights from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. during the Lights Out Migratory Months.

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Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor