



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 22-30, 2022, AS**

“INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK”

- WHEREAS,** the City of Dripping Springs was named the first International Dark Sky Community in Texas in 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and
- WHEREAS,** light Pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Dripping Springs has shown exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of a quality outdoor lighting ordinance, dark sky education, and citizen support of the dark skies; and
- WHEREAS,** the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities; and
- WHEREAS,** The International Dark-Sky Association recognizes April 22 – 30, 2022 as International Dark Sky Week; and
- WHEREAS,** the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

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

1. That the City of Dripping Springs honors and recognizes April 22 – 30, 2022 as International Dark Sky Week.
2. The City Council calls upon the citizens of Dripping Springs to observe this important week and raise awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky resources, and invites all residents to enjoy the Star Party to be held at Dripping Springs Ranch Park on April 1, 2022.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor