



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 13-20, 2026, AS
“INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK”**

- WHEREAS,** from the darkness needed for a restful night’s sleep to the activities we enjoy beneath the stars, the night is filled with wonder and importance; and
- WHEREAS,** dark sky nights sustain critical wildlife ecosystems, strengthen the well being of our communities, enable scientific discovery, and preserve shared cultural knowledge and traditions; and
- WHEREAS,** eighty percent of the world’s population live under sky glow and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately thirty five percent of light is wasted by unshielded or poorly aimed outdoor lighting that adds up to about three billion dollars in energy lost to light pollution in the United States annually; and
- WHEREAS,** light pollution is reversible, and each and every one of us can make a difference; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dripping Springs was named the first International Dark Sky Community in Texas in 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** DarkSky International is the globally recognized authority on light pollution issues and night sky conservancy and has created International Dark Sky Week to celebrate the night and raise awareness about the negative impacts of light pollution and the solutions that exist; and
- WHEREAS,** DarkSky International recognizes April 13-20, 2026, as International Dark Sky Week.

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

1. That April 13-20, 2026, shall be known as “International Dark Sky Week” in the City of Dripping Springs, Texas; and
2. The citizens of Dripping Springs are encouraged to observe this week by discovering the wonders and importance of the night and raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky as a resource.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor