



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 15-22, 2023, AS**

“INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK”

- 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,** 80 percent of the world’s population, including many people in Texas, live under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or benefits of living under a dark sky; and
- WHEREAS,** light pollution represent a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the International Dark-Sky Association has created **International Dark Sky Week** to raise awareness of light pollution, and to provide education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dripping Springs was named the first International Dark Sky Community in Texas in 2014.

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

- 1.** That the City of Dripping Springs honors and recognizes April 15 – 22, 2023 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 skies resources.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor