



City of Ketchum

International Dark Sky Week Proclamation

- Whereas,** the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; 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,** 80-percent of the world’s population, including many people in Idaho, lives under a dome of light pollution – research shows the Milky Way is not visible to more than one-third of the world’s population; and
- Whereas,** the International Dark-Sky Association, headquartered in Arizona, 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 of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting; and
- Whereas,** the city of Ketchum is honored to be recognized by the Association as a Dark Sky Community since 2017 and included in America’s first gold-tier international Dark Sky Reserve.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Neil Bradshaw, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby declare April 15 – 22, 2023 as International Dark-Sky Week and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.