



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 under a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature, particularly among young people and visitors; and
- Whereas,** 80 percent of the world’s population lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and
- Whereas,** DarkSky International, the globally recognized authority on light pollution, recognizes International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of the effects of light pollution, provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public, and encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Pete Prekeges, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby proclaim April 13-20, 2026, 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 sky as a resource.

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Pete Prekeges, Mayor

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