



WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE NIGHT SKIES

WHEREAS, Waller County residents recognize the importance of the wholesome rural country for its diverse ecosystems, rich cultural heritage, breathtaking scenic beauty, ethics for land stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the vast development growth plus the influx of people into the region over the years and accompanying light trespass from area lighting fixtures and billboards has been steadily on the rise, and these factors have impacted the natural environment and the quality of life of the people of this region by, among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, greater focus has been placed on the economic and financial benefits of preserving the natural scenic beauty, long history & cultivated prairie grassland in Waller County in order to maintain its unique historic heritage, rural charm and the exquisite views of our rolling prairie night skies; and

WHEREAS, the Waller County Commissioners Court recognizes that preserving the rich historic heritage and starry night skies of Waller County is important to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, outdoor lighting fixtures are readily available that are designed to direct light only where it is needed, distribute light more efficiently and effectively, and thereby minimize or eliminate glare, power consumption and cost; and

WHEREAS, Waller County is committed to supporting practices that limit or minimize light trespass, glare, and skyglow from outdoor lighting to protect the beauty of the night skies and allow others the full benefit and use of their property; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Commissioners Court of Waller County, Texas, encourages outdoor lighting fixtures and practices that follow up-to-date guidelines and use available technologies for efficient, non-intrusive lighting and will endeavor to educate and encourage landowners, businesses, residential neighborhoods, and public entities to join in this commitment to reduce energy consumption, save money, reduce light trespass and preserve our starry night skies.

Approved this 5th day of February, 2025

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