

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Resolution Proclaiming April 15-April 22, 2023, as **International Dark Sky Week** in Monterey County.

WHEREAS, Monterey County is blessed with many excellent areas of dark sky at night where residents and visitors can enjoy viewing stars, planets, and the Milky Way; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining dark skies has been shown to be beneficial to humans and animals and “ample evidence has shown that LAN (Light at Night) impacts many metabolic parameters” (Fleury G, Masís-Vargas A, Kalsbeek A. Metabolic Implications of Exposure to Light at Night: Lessons from Animal and Human Studies. 2020 Jul;28); and

WHEREAS, Monterey County’s Board of Supervisors has previously adopted new construction exterior lighting design guidelines (Resolution 16-010 adopting the Design Guidelines for Exterior Lighting. REF130036, Exterior Lighting Criteria, non-coastal area) consistent with “Dark Sky Friendly Lighting” and the Fixture Seal of Approval from the International Dark Sky Association; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County Codes require exterior lighting that “shall be unobtrusive and constructed or located so that only the intended area is illuminated, long range visibility (of light) is reduced, and off-site glare is fully controlled” while maintaining adequate lighting for safety and business visibility; and

WHEREAS, Public recognition of the positive qualities of maintaining Dark Sky is beneficial to all in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, The International Dark-Sky Association 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 and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, declare April 15-April 22, 2023, as **International Dark Sky Week** in Monterey County and asks each resident and governmental agency to join, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023 by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
, Deputy