

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 69

Offered by Senators LaSata and Bayer

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JULY 2021 AS DARK SKY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Empirical evidence shows the negative effects light pollution has on both the human population and the environmental health as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Using inefficient outdoor lighting causes light pollution and obstructs the full view of the amazing Michigan sky and its surrounding environment; and

WHEREAS, We aim to spread awareness about this growing problem, minimize the issues associated with light pollution, and preserve the beauty of our state's environment and night sky; and

WHEREAS, July has the highest visibility to view dark skies, making it a great opportunity to support and recognize all that dark sky parks offer; and

WHEREAS, Michigan was the first state in the Union to initiate Dark Sky Preserves; and

WHEREAS, There are eight dark sky preserves in Michigan, two of which are internationally designated dark sky parks; and

WHEREAS, Our state is best known for two internationally designated dark sky parks, Headlands International Sky Park in Mackinaw City and Dr. T.K Lawless Park in Vandalia; and

WHEREAS, These parks are designated areas that allow for thousands of astrotourists to see the true beauty of the Michigan night sky, and to observe the wonder of meteorological events such as the Northern Lights; and

WHEREAS, Astrotourism helps bring awareness of the effect light pollution can have on our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body recognize July 2021 as Dark Sky Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we continue to support the success of dark sky parks across Michigan and show continued devotion to preserving access to the night sky.

Adopted by the Senate, June 24, 2021.



Secretary of the Senate