

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

Senator LaSata offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize July 2021 as Dark Sky Awareness
2 Month.

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

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

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

12 Whereas, July has the highest visibility to view dark skies,

1 making it a great opportunity to support and recognize all that
2 dark sky parks offer; and

3 Whereas, Michigan was the first state in the Union to initiate
4 Dark Sky Preserves; and

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

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

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

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

16 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
17 body recognize July 2021 as Dark Sky Month; and be it further

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

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