

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 30

Offered by Senators Lindsey and Bayer

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 15-22, 2023, AS INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK

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

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

WHEREAS, Our state is best known for three internationally designated dark sky parks, Headlands International Sky Park in Mackinaw City, Dr. T.K. Lawless Park in Vandalia, and Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor; 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 unique economic opportunities into our state; and

WHEREAS, We aim to spread awareness about dark sky preserves and the negative impact light pollution may have on them and on the human population; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 15-22, 2023, as International Dark Sky Week; 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, April 13, 2023.



Secretary of the Senate