



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and health of all communities; and*

WHEREAS, *as much as 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in the City and County of Denver, live under a dome of light pollution and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; 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 the importance of protecting the enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting; and*

WHEREAS, *the Denver Astronomical Society relies on dark skies to promote the enjoyment and education of astronomy with the general public, and to conduct outreach activities at the University of Denver's Historic Chamberlin Observatory and other venues; and*

WHEREAS, *through dark sky education, outreach, practices and policies, a connection to the natural night-time environment can be reestablished for present and future generations.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL B. HANCOCK, MAYOR of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby officially proclaim **APRIL 15 – 22, 2023**, to be known as:

"DARK SKY WEEK"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City and County of Denver to be affixed this 15th day of April, 2023



**MICHAEL B. HANCOCK
MAYOR**