

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of star-filled skies are the heritage of all humankind and locally to the inhabitants of the City of Boerne and are therefore worthy of celebration; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a star-filled night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and may encourage interest in science and nature especially among young people; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to view star-filled skies attracts tourists to our region and therefore economic benefit to the City of Boerne; and

WHEREAS, preserving the rich historic heritage and starry night skies of the City of Boerne is important to the high quality of life and community of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, outdoor lighting directed upward into the sky constitutes “light pollution” of the nighttime environment; and

WHEREAS, Hill Country communities are increasingly dedicated to the preservation of the region’s night skies, as evidenced by the frequent educational activities conducted in our region and by the increasing number of places in our region recognized as International Dark-Sky Places by the International Dark-Sky Association; and

WHEREAS, this regional effort of the Kendall County Friends of the Night Sky is worthy of a month-long celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Handren, Mayor, City of Boerne, Texas do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as,

DARK SKIES MONTH

in Boerne, Texas, and hereby show support of the efforts of the people who work to keep our Boerne night skies beautiful for all to see.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Boerne, to be affixed this the 22nd day of September 2020.

Tim Handren, Mayor