

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE WIMBERLEY VALLEY DARK SKY COMMITTEE TO APPLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY ASSOCIATION FOR THE CITY'S DESIGNATION AS AN INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, shortly after incorporation, the City of Wimberley codified its commitment to protect the Valley's dark skies by enacting its initial Outdoor Lighting Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the City of Wimberley reaffirmed its commitment to the Valley's dark skies by revising its initial lighting ordinance with assistance from International Dark Sky Association staff; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the citizens of the City of Wimberley approved their revised Comprehensive Plan, the text of which reaffirmed four times their commitment to maintaining the Valley's dark skies (Prologue, Part IV.D.3.a/b, Part VI.D.10, and Part IX.D.1.c); and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Hays County, Texas was ranked by the U.S. Census Bureau as the fastest growing county in the nation; and

WHEREAS, metropolitan areas surrounding Hays County are also experiencing explosive population growth; and

WHEREAS, population growth fuels development, increasing the possibility of light trespass which diminishes the natural environment and quality of life of the Valley's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the nearby jurisdictions of Dripping Springs, Horseshoe Bay, Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, and South Llano State Park have recently received International Dark Sky designations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wimberley is committed to support practices that minimize light trespass in order to protect the Valley's unique culture, history, and beauty for future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the International Dark Sky Association is an entity that promotes the social, ecological, cultural, economic, aesthetic, and health benefits of all people through the preservation of the world's dark skies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS that the City Council supports the efforts of the Wimberley Valley Dark Sky Committee to apply to the International Dark Sky Association for the City's designation as an International Dark Sky Community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of October, 2017.

THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS

By: 
Herschel "Mac" McCullough, Mayor

ATTEST:

By Laura Calcote - City Secretary
Janet Rogers, Interim City Secretary

