

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

Lake County is a Dark Sky Destination

- WHEREAS,** the natural night inspires science, religion, art and literature, and less than 100 years ago, everyone could look up and see a spectacular night sky and now few see the Milky Way; and
- WHEREAS,** the inappropriate use of artificial light has adversely impaired our view of the night universe by brightening the night sky through backscatter from air pollution called Skyglow; and
- WHEREAS,** in the United States over 90% of the population cannot experience a natural night because of Skyglow; and
- WHEREAS,** Lake County has been on top of California's healthy air list for 28 years and for the third consecutive year, Lake County's air has been rated cleanest from fine particulate pollution in the nation and regularly is within the top 4 in the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Lake County rarely experiences coastal or valley fog and sees an average 300 nights of clear or partial clear night skies with low Skyglow; and
- WHEREAS,** Lake County promotes and interprets local building regulations that result in Dark Sky Friendly Development; and
- WHEREAS,** Lake County is home to Taylor Observatory-Norton Planetarium and features a research grade telescope capable of locating >140,000 celestial objects; and
- WHEREAS,** the Taylor Observatory supports student and community activities through the Lake County Office of Education and Friends of Taylor Observatory (friendsoftaylor.org/events); and
- WHEREAS,** Lake County's Dark Skies provide an astrotourism destination with night sky viewing for people from light polluted regions that cannot see significant nighttime stars.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Lake County is a DARK SKY DESTINATION with beautiful night time viewing experiences that will be preserved for future generations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of November, 2018.

ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____
Deputy

