



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of natural dark skies at night are inherent to the character and allure of the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the growing problem of light pollution as skyglow, glare, spill light and/or other adverse impacts attributable to the use of artificial light at night has been scientifically linked to negative effects on the health and well-being of humans, flora and fauna—while natural dark skies at night have been scientifically linked to positive health effects; and

WHEREAS, significantly reducing light pollution would save Colorado residents tens of millions of dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, growing numbers of Colorado residents are recognizing the economic, ecological, cultural, and societal benefits of conserving the natural night sky in our State's communities as well as open spaces by implementing Dark-sky Association-approved lighting initiatives and participating in IDA-certified Dark Sky Places programs; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-sky Association Colorado chapter and Audubon Rockies have formed a partnership to help migratory birds during the spring and fall migration seasons; and

WHEREAS, Colorado residents can help reduce light pollution by turning off outdoor lights at night; and/or help ensure outdoor lighting at night is both functional and environmentally responsible by using International Dark-sky Association-approved lighting that 1) has a clear purpose, 2) is shielded and directed only to where needed, 3) is no brighter than necessary, 4) is used only when needed, 5) consists of warmer color lights with lower Kelvin ratings; and

WHEREAS, through dark sky education, outreach, practices and policies, a connection to the natural nighttime environment can be reestablished for present and future generations;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2021 as,

DARK SKY MONTH

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of June, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*