

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, overlighting, 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, increasing numbers of Colorado residents recognize the economic, ecological, cultural, and societal benefits of conserving the natural night sky in our State's communities as well as open spaces; and

WHEREAS, using responsible outdoor lighting is an easy and effective way to cut out wasted energy use, complementing Colorado's move towards a circular economy; and

WHEREAS, the nighttime environment is both a natural and cultural resource; and

WHEREAS, dark sky tourism combines elements of astrotourism, cultural heritage tourism, nature and wildlife tourism, health and wellness tourism—with an emphasis on stewardship of the nighttime environment; and

WHEREAS, responsible outdoor lighting at night can be safe, functional, environmentally responsible, and aesthetically pleasing; and

WHEREAS, light pollution is best reduced by turning off outdoor lights at night and/or by only using 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; and

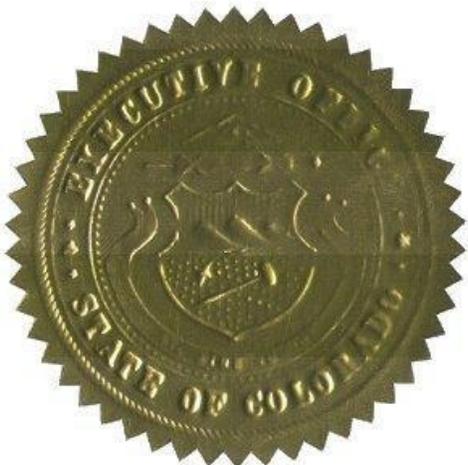
WHEREAS, through dark sky education, outreach, practices and policies, a connection to the natural nighttime environment can be reestablished for present and future generations;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 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, 2022



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

*Jared Polis
Governor*