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Proclamation

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2022 AS

“Hill Country Night Sky Month”

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 Johnson City 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, provides economic benefit to the City of Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, preserving the rich historic heritage and starry night skies of the City of Johnson City is important to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the influx of people into the Texas Hill Country region and the accompanying light pollution from area lighting fixtures has been steadily on the rise; and

WHEREAS, solving the problem of light pollution involves making better use of outdoor lighting to direct light down to where it is needed instead of upward into the sky, putting outdoor lights on timers, and using outdoor lighting only where necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Johnson City, Texas, I do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 to be:

Hill Country Night Sky Month

within the City. I encourage everyone to enjoy the night sky and to participate in the Hill Country region’s events and programs celebrating the night sky and promoting ways in which communities are working to preserve it.

ATTEST:

Rhonda Stell, Mayor
City of Johnson City, Texas

Whitney Walston, City Secretary

