



**Proclamation of the City of Horseshoe Bay Declaring the
Month of April 21-28, 2025 as
“International Dark Sky Week”**

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared human experience and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing under a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts on the ecology and the health of our community and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, eighty percent of the world's population, including many in the City of Horseshoe Bay, live under a dome of light pollution which is defined as excessive artificial lighting that disrupts the natural darkness that would otherwise occur at night, and therefore may never experience the visual wonder and ecological or health-related benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a cost of approximately three billion dollars of wasted energy annually in the United States, thereby significantly contributing to our diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, Dark Sky International, the globally recognized authority on light pollution, recognizes International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of the effects of light pollution, provide education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HORSESHOE BAY, TEXAS, PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

THAT, April 21-28, 2025, shall be known as “International Dark Sky Week” in Horseshoe Bay, Texas; and

THAT, The City calls upon the citizens of Horseshoe Bay to recognize the importance of this week by striving to raise awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky as a community resource; and

THAT, the Legislative Services Director is hereby instructed to post this Proclamation for public display and enter this document into the records of the municipality.



Elsie Thurman, Mayor