



CITY OF LAS CRUCES

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; 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, particularly among young people and visitors to Las Cruces and southern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the pervasive issue of light pollution has been scientifically linked to significant economic and environmental consequences, adversely affecting the ecology and human health; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population lives under a dome of light - pollution - excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness - and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy and security; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces values natural dark skies and encourages our residents to adopt lighting practices that help to preserve them; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and City Council of Las Cruces, New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21 - 28, 2025 as:

"International Dark-Sky Week"

and ask each resident to join us not only in observing and pondering upon this important week but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky as a resource.

ATTEST:


Christine Rivera, City Clerk


Eric Enriquez, Mayor

