

HELPER CITY 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 beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people and out-of-area visitors within the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, 80-percent of the world's population, including many people in Utah/Helper/Carbon County, 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 security; and

WHEREAS, Helper City is the second certified Dark Sky Community in Utah and desires to maintain its' dark skies for the enjoyment of all people; and

WHEREAS, Helper focuses on sustainability and the natural environment in and surrounding our community;

WHEREAS, Helper desires to attract visitors to view dark skies in our community

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association, headquartered in Arizona the United States, is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Now, Therefore, I, Lenise Peterman, Mayor of Helper City, Utah, do hereby declare April 22 – 30, 2022 as

INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK

In Helper, Utah of the United States and ask each resident to join me, not only in observing and pondering upon this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark skies resources.



Lenise Peterman, Mayor

April 7 2022
Date