

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of star-filled skies are the heritage of all humankind and preserving rich historic heritage and starry night skies of Garden Ridge 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, eroding the historical view of the night skies in many nearby areas; and

WHEREAS, light pollution wastes natural resources amounting to at least \$2 billion per year and contributes to diminished American energy independence; and

WHEREAS, addressing 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; and

WHEREAS, Hill Country communities are increasingly dedicated to the preservation of the region's night skies, as evidenced by the frequent educational activities conducted by the increasing number of places and organizations in our region, including: Comal County, Camp Bullis, Bracken Cave Preserve, San Antonio Astronomical Association, New Braunfels Astronomy Club, Guadalupe River State Park, and Comal County Friends of the Night Sky; and

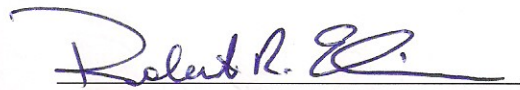
WHEREAS, this regional effort in addition to the preservation and celebration of our night skies is worthy of recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Robb Erickson, Mayor of Garden Ridge, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2021 in the City of Garden Ridge as

HILL COUNTRY NIGHT SKY MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal of the City of Garden Ridge this 6th day of October, 2021.




Robb Erickson
Mayor