



Southampton Town Board

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Department: Town Attorney

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ADOPTED

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 2024-420

Designate the month of April as "Dark Skies Month" in the Town of Southampton

WHEREAS, starting in 2009 the Town of Southampton recognized light pollution as a growing issue with adverse effects upon the health of human beings, plants, and animals; and acknowledged that earth's daily light cycle of light and dark functions to govern life-sustaining behaviors;

WHEREAS, the Town acknowledges that artificial light at night has negative and deadly effects on many creatures, including amphibians, birds, mammals, insects, and plants. Artificial light can and does effect cycles of migration, reproduction, nourishment, and sleep; and

WHEREAS, commonly known examples of detrimental effects of light pollution include: disorientation of sea turtle hatchlings which find the sea by moving towards light, elimination of foraging and hunting conditions for nocturnal animals such as possums, and owls, and entrapment of migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, over the last 15 years the Town of Southampton has effectively legislated to provide "Dark Skies" regulations which protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public, conserve valuable energy resources, prevent light trespass from interfering with our quality of life, protect our ecological and natural resources, and preserve the ability to view the celestial features of the night sky for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Southampton's intention to designate the month of April as "Dark Skies Month" from 2024 onward, creating an annual recognition for the importance of "Dark Skies" regulations in order to promote public education to protect and preserve our natural resources; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that beginning in 2024 and continuing every year thereafter, April shall be designated as "Dark Skies Month" in the Town of Southampton.

Financial Impact

None

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael A. Iasilli, Councilman
SECONDER:	Bill Pell, Councilman
AYES:	Moore, McNamara, Iasilli, Pell, Schiavoni