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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Scott Barb

DATE: April 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution of Support for Lutz County Park designation as a Michigan Dark Sky Preserve

Dear Commissioners,

The Livingston County Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee is seeking support for designating the Lutz County Park as a Michigan Dark Sky Preserve. Part 751 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994) allows for the designation of state-owned lands and other lands as approved by the Michigan Legislature to be designated as dark sky preserves.

The POSAC (Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee) has worked to achieve this designation for several years. The park possesses several qualities that make it an ideal candidate for Dark Sky Preserve status. Its location in Livingston County away from major urban centers provides a relatively pristine night environment and the absence of artificial light pollution ensures that stars and other celestial objects remain visible with remarkable clarity. This recognition of Lutz County Park also aligns with our on-going efforts to address and promote the conservation of natural resources and protection of the rural environment and characteristics that are the hallmark of life in Livingston County.

The attached resolution has been included for your review and support. Please contact me with any questions relating to this request.

Respectfully,


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