

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF LUTZ COUNTY PARK AS A MICHIGAN DARK SKIES PRESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 751 OF ACT 451 OF 1994.**

**-LIVINGSTON COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE (POSAC)**

**WHEREAS**, Act 451 of 1994 is the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, a comprehensive law governing natural resources and environmental protection in Michigan, and

**WHEREAS**, Part 751 of Act 451 focuses on the establishment and management of "Dark Sky Preserves", defining them and designating specific state and county-owned lands as such, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lutz County Park represents an outstanding opportunity to view the dark sky under a pristine and undiluted viewing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the natural starry night as found at the Lutz County Park represents an important and valuable asset to Livingston County that contributes to the quality of life for its residents, visitors, and wildlife in and around the park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Advisory Subcommittee (POSAC) has been diligently seeking to designate the Lutz County Park as a Dark Skies Preserve for over a decade, and

**WHEREAS**, several local and regional astronomy groups and clubs have provided the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Advisory Subcommittee (POSAC) their oral and written support for designating the Lutz County Park as a Dark Skies Preserve, and

**WHEREAS**, the County Parks and Open Space Advisory Subcommittee (POSAC) seeks to preserve dark sky conditions at the Lutz County Park through responsible lighting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Livingston County Board of Commissioners recognizes the pristine quality of dark skies at Lutz County Park as an important natural, cultural, and environmental resource of significant value and believe it should be fostered; and

**WHEREAS**, designating the Lutz County Park as a Dark Skies Preserve would support the Livingston County Board of Commissioners desire to preserve the rural character of the County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that as the Lutz County Park is located in the Township of Deerfield in Livingston County, Michigan, the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby encourages Deerfield Township government officials and its residents to promote the usage of the Dark Sky Preserve at Lutz County Park.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Advisory Subcommittee (POSAC) request to designate Lutz County Park as a Michigan Dark Skies Preserve in Accordance with Part 751 of Public Act 451 of 1994.

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**MOVED:**

**SECONDED:**

**CARRIED:**