

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-26



STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF COMAL

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SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE NIGHT SKIES

WHEREAS, Comal County residents recognize the importance of the Texas Hill Country for its diverse ecosystems, ethics for land stewardship, rich cultural heritage, and breathtaking scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, the influx of people into the region over the years and accompanying light trespass from area lighting fixtures and billboards has been steadily on the rise, and these factors have impacted the natural environment and the quality of life of the people of this region by, among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, in recent years greater focus has been placed on the economic and financial benefits of preserving the scenic beauty in Comal County in order to maintain its unique historic heritage and the beauty of our Texas Hill Country night skies; and

WHEREAS, the Comal County Commissioners Court recognizes that preserving the rich historic heritage and starry night skies of Comal County is important to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Comal County Commissioners Court approved an Order in 2008 regulating outdoor lighting within three miles of Camp Bullis, pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 240, to minimize or eliminate glare and light trespass with the intent to avoid interference with the night training of Camp Bullis; and

WHEREAS, outdoor lighting fixtures are readily available that are designed to direct light only where it is needed, distribute light more efficiently and effectively, and thereby reduce glare, power consumption and cost; and

WHEREAS, Comal County is committed to supporting practices that limit or minimize light trespass, glare, and skyglow from outdoor lighting in order to protect the beauty of the night skies and allow others the full benefit and use of their property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, encourages outdoor lighting fixtures and practices that follow up-to-date guidelines and use available technologies for efficient, non-intrusive lighting and will endeavor to educate and encourage landowners, businesses, residential neighborhoods, and public entities to join in this commitment to reduce energy consumption, save money, reduce light trespass and preserve our starry night skies.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of December 2018.

SHERMAN KRAUSE, COUNTY JUDGE

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ATTEST: BOBBIE KOEPP, COUNTY CLERK

