

The State of Texas  
City of Alpine

Proclamation

Whereas

The Big Bend region of Texas is treasured by residents and visitors alike for having some of the darkest night skies in the United States, and

Whereas

The Alpine City Council has approved of the City of Alpine, Texas applying to the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) for the status of "International Dark Sky Community," and

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Achieving "International Dark Sky Community" status for Alpine will create one of the largest IDA approved "Dark Sky" regions in the United States, and

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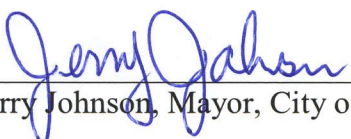
Achieving "International Dark Sky Community" status will benefit the health of Alpine citizens and our local wildlife, will spur tourism and other economic development, will reduce overall power consumption, and will likewise benefit the Big Bend region as a whole and McDonald Observatory in particular, and

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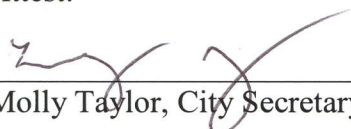
Public education for Alpine citizens, businesses and property owners regarding safe, efficient and appropriate lighting techniques will be necessary in order to achieve "International Dark Sky Community" designation,

Now, therefore, the Alpine City Council, hereby designates the month of October, 2009, as "Alpine Dark Sky Month," in order to highlight efforts throughout the community to educate and inform citizens, businesses and property owners regarding the use of safe, efficient and appropriate lighting, with the goal of preserving the treasure of Alpine's night sky, and working towards achievement of "International Dark Sky Community" status.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009

  
Jerry Johnson, Mayor, City of Alpine, Texas

Attest:

  
Molly Taylor, City Secretary, Alpine, Texas

