

International Dark Sky Week – 2023 Proclamation by the Governor

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The [International Dark-Sky Association](#) (IDA) holds the International Dark Sky Week each year to put focus on minimizing light pollution, and for people to understand the beauty and the benefit of the dark skies. This year [International Dark Sky Week is April 15-22, 2023](#).

In the state of Michigan, the governor has made a proclamation this year that April 15-22, 2023 is DARK SKY WEEK in Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

APRIL 15-22, 2023
as
DARK SKY WEEK

WHEREAS, empirical evidence shows the negative effects light pollution has on both the human population and environmental health; and,

WHEREAS, using inefficient outdoor lighting causes light pollution and obstructs the full view of the amazing Michigan sky and its surrounding environment; and,

WHEREAS, we can take steps to minimize the issues associated with light pollution, and preserve the beauty of our environment and night sky; and,

WHEREAS, there are nine dedicated land areas in Michigan, three of which are internationally designated dark sky parks and six of which are designated dark sky preserves in Michigan state parks; and,

WHEREAS, because Michigan is dedicated to the preservation of dark skies, dark sky preserves have been dedicated at: Lake Hudson Recreation Area, Lenawee County; Negwegon State Park, Alcona County; Port Crescent State Park, Huron County; Rockport Recreation Area, Presque Isle County; Thompson's Harbor State Park, Presque Isle County; and Wilderness State Park, Emmet County; and,

WHEREAS, our state is known for three internationally designated dark sky parks, Headlands International Sky Park in Mackinaw City, Dr. T.K Lawless Park in Vandalia and Keweenaw Dark Sky Park in Copper Harbor; and,

WHEREAS, these parks are designated areas that allow for thousands of Michiganders and tourists to experience the true beauty of the Michigan night sky and observe the wonder of meteorological events such as the Northern Lights; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 15-22, 2023, as Dark Sky Week in Michigan.


Gretchen Whitmer
Governor



And the [resolution SR-30](#) offered by Senators Lindsey and Bayer and adopted on April 13, 2023. [[pdf](#)]

As part of International Dark Sky Week, we will be holding the [2023 Upper Peninsula Dark Sky Festival](#), April 21st and 22nd, 2023.

2023 UPPER PENINSULA DARK SKY FESTIVAL



KEWEENAW MOUNTAIN LODGE

FRIDAY - APRIL 21, 2023

ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME

5:00 PM - SOCIAL HOUR - MEET AND GREET
IN THE HISTORIC LODGE

6:00 PM - EVOLUTION OF THE KEWEENAW DARK SKY PARK
BY JOHN MUELLER

8:45 PM - STARGAZING ON SNOWSHOES
BY THE OAC TEAM

SATURDAY - APRIL 22, 2023

12:30 PM - RUSTIC - WORLDLY LUNCH

2:00 PM - CHASING THE NORTHERN LIGHTS IN MICHIGAN
BY MELISSA Kaelin

3:30 PM - THE STORY BEHIND THE IMAGES
BY MARY BETH Kiczinski

8:00 PM - NORTHERN LIGHTS PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
BY NATE BETT



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