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International Dark Sky Association
5049 E. Broadway Blvd #105
Tucson AZ, 85711


To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Keweenaw Economic Development (KEDA) board of directors, the local economic development organization working in Keweenaw, Houghton, and Baraga counties, I am writing to support the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge's nomination as a Dark Sky Park.

John Mueller's acquisition of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge has had a transformative effect on the lodge and the surrounding community with his embrace of outdoor adventure recreation and appreciation and promotion the Keweenaw's natural beauty. The Mountain Lodge is a unique and historic lodging establishment that blends perfectly with its beautiful surroundings. The Mountain Lodge not only provides a one-of-a-kind lodging experience that is a respite from busy lives but also offers a serene place to disconnect from the world and re-connect with nature. The Dark Sky Park will complement not only this experience but add to the experience of other visitors to the area and our residents.

Becoming a Dark Sky Park is a perfect next step to the Mountain Lodge's establishment as a unique destination in the Keweenaw and KEDA is excited to support this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Ratcliff", is written over a large, stylized, abstract graphic element that resembles a signature or a logo.

Jeff Ratcliff
Executive Director