

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

Senators Lindsey and Bayer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 15-22, 2023, as International
2 Dark Sky Week.

3 Whereas, Michigan was the first state in the Union to initiate
4 Dark Sky Preserves; and

5 Whereas, There are nine dark sky preserves in Michigan, three
6 of which are internationally designated dark sky parks; and

7 Whereas, Our state is best known for three internationally
8 designated dark sky parks, Headlands International Sky Park in
9 Mackinaw City, Dr. T.K. Lawless Park in Vandalia, and Keweenaw
10 Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor; and

11 Whereas, These parks are designated areas that allow for
12 thousands of astrotourists to see the true beauty of the Michigan

1 night sky, and to observe the wonder of meteorological events such
2 as the Northern Lights; and

3 Whereas, Astrotourism helps bring unique economic
4 opportunities into our state; and

5 Whereas, We aim to spread awareness about dark sky preserves
6 and the negative impact light pollution may have on them and on the
7 human population; now, therefore, be it

8 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
9 body recognize April 15-22, 2023, as International Dark Sky Week;
10 and be it further

11 Resolved, That we continue to support the success of dark sky
12 parks across Michigan and show continued devotion to preserving
13 access to the night sky.