



THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF KENDALL

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COMMISSIONERS COURT

PROCLAMATION No. P-20251014-1
RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2025 AS
NIGHT SKY MONTH IN KENDALL COUNTY

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of star-filled skies inspires feelings of awe and may encourage interest in science and nature, especially among young people; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature recognizes the importance of preserving our night sky and allows governmental entities to adopt and enforce regulations necessary to become a Dark Sky Community; and

WHEREAS, outdoor lighting directed upward into the sky constitutes "light pollution" of the nighttime environment; and

WHEREAS, Kendall County seeks to become a Dark Sky Community and adopted Order 08-10-2009, Regulation of Outdoor Lighting in the Unincorporated Areas of Kendall County, Texas, Within Five Miles of the Camp Bullis Boundary, as amended, which has been extended County-wide to help reduce light pollution; and

WHEREAS, Joint Base San Antonio - Camp Bullis is an important neighbor and community partner, which provides jobs, encourages land conservation, trains military forces, and contributes to our local economy; and

WHEREAS, dark night skies benefit Camp Bullis by improving night training and operational security; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to view star-filled night skies attracts tourists to our region and therefore provides economic benefit; and

WHEREAS, light pollution negatively impacts wildlife and ecosystems as well as the health, safety, and welfare of human beings; and

WHEREAS, reducing light pollution involves making better use of outdoor lighting by directing light away from the night sky, turning off unnecessary light, and using dark sky friendly equipment; and

WHEREAS, Kendall County, along with many neighboring counties and cities, is dedicated to the preservation of our night skies and finds this regional effort to reduce light pollution to be worthy of a month-long celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN, on this **14th day of October, 2025**, that I, Shane Stolarczyk, County Judge of Kendall County, duly do hereby proclaims the month of October 2025 as: "**NIGHT SKY MONTH**" in Kendall County.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2025

A handwritten signature of Shane Stolarczyk is written over a horizontal line. The signature is in cursive and appears to be "Sh Shane Stolarczyk".

Shane Stolarczyk, Kendall County Judge