

City of Wimberley - Proclamation



THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HAYS § CITY OF WIMBERLEY §

WHEREAS, the night sky is one of humanity's oldest and most universal treasures, guiding our ancestors, inspiring our stories, and connecting us to the greater mysteries of the universe; and

WHEREAS, in Wimberley, Texas, the beauty of star-filled skies is more than scenery—it is part of our cultural identity, our sense of place, and our commitment to protecting the natural environment that defines our community; and

WHEREAS, Wimberley is proud to be designated as an International Dark Sky Community by Dark-Sky International, a recognition that reflects the City's dedication to responsible lighting, environmental stewardship, and the preservation of natural night skies; and

WHEREAS, the protection of our night skies preserves not only the ecological health of wildlife and natural systems, but also the quality of life and economic vitality that draw visitors to Wimberley and strengthen our local economy; and

WHEREAS, light pollution—caused by wasted and misdirected artificial light—threatens these benefits, diminishing visibility of the stars, wasting energy, and eroding a shared heritage that should be passed on to future generations; and

WHEREAS, responsible lighting practices—such as shielding fixtures, using light only where and when it is needed, and choosing softer tones—offer simple, cost-effective solutions that benefit both people and nature; and

WHEREAS, community organizations, including Wimberley Valley Dark Sky, Hays County Friends of the Night Sky, Texas Master Naturalists, and the Hill Country Alliance, have worked tirelessly to protect our skies through education, advocacy, and outreach; and

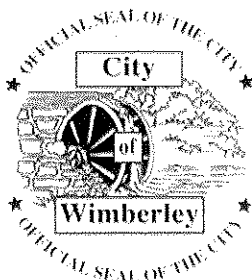
NOW, THEREFORE I, Rebecca Minnick, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Wimberley in the county of Hays, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as

HILL COUNTRY NIGHT SKY MONTH

AND encourages citizens to enjoy the night sky and to participate in Wimberley Parks and Recreation and the Hill Country region's events and programs celebrating the night sky and promoting the ways in which communities are working to preserve it. These events include "Howl at the Moon Dance Party" on October 7th "BOO! Hole Halloween" on October 18th, and the "Blue Hole Star Party" on October 25th.

AND encourages citizens to learn about light pollution and why it matters, night sky friendly lighting, and lighting regulations, and to implement practices and lighting improvements that will reduce light pollution, thereby preserving our night skies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 18th day of September, 2025.



CITY OF WIMBERLEY

Rebecca Minnick
Rebecca Minnick, Mayor Pro Tem