

## **KEEP UTOPIA BEAUTIFUL RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE NIGHT SKIES**

**WHEREAS.** Keep Utopia Beautiful recognizes the Sabinal Canyon and surrounding Texas Hill Country for their rich cultural heritage and breathtaking scenic beauty, including starry night skies; and

**WHEREAS** light trespass from night lighting fixtures has been steadily on the rise negatively impacting the natural environment and the quality of life of the people in the area by among other things, reducing night sky visibility and enjoyment for citizens and visitors alike.

**WHEREAS,** in recent years greater focus has been placed on the economic and financial benefits of preserving the scenic beauty in the Sabinal Canyon and surrounding Texas Hill Country in order to maintain the area's unique historic heritage and enhance tourism and

**WHEREAS** the area is a significant destination for tourism, which is important to many community members and preserving the starry night skies in and around Utopia will enhance the area's attraction and appeal as a destination for tourism; and

**WHEREAS.** Keep Utopia Beautiful is committed to supporting practices that limit or minimize light trespass from night lighting fixtures in order to protect the beauty of the night skies and allow others the full benefit and use of their property.

**NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY KEEP UTOPIA BEAUTIFUL,** that KUB shall promote and encourage outdoor lighting fixtures an practice that follow up-to date suggested guidelines and use available technologies for efficient. cost effective non-intrusive lighting and will work with its partners to educate and encourage landowner , businesses. residential neighborhoods and public entities to join this commitment to reduce energy consumption save money, reduce light trespass and preserve our starry night skies.

**Adopted this 11th day of May, 2016.**



**Chair, Keep Utopia Beautiful**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Secretary, Keep Utopia Beautiful**