



Proclamation

DECLARING MAY 2022 AS DARK SKY MONTH

WHEREAS,

The Ouray County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) have provided Letters supporting the Town of Ridgway and Top of the Pines Recreation Area for their respective efforts of protecting the Dark Sky asset in Ouray County; and

WHEREAS,

The BOCC has provided Top of the Pines a Resolution of Support (No.2021-032) to help protect the Dark Sky asset above Top of the Pines that is enjoyed by Ouray County and surrounding area residents; and

WHEREAS,

the natural starry night sky as found in Ouray County represents an important and valuable asset to the County that contributes to the quality of life for its residents, visitors, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS,

The BOCC recognizes the quality of dark skies within Ouray County as an important natural, cultural, and environmental resource of significant value and believe it should be protected; and

WHEREAS,

The BOCC encourages the preservation of the Dark Sky throughout Ouray County through responsible International Dark Sky Association recommended lighting that is shielded, color temperatures that are warmer (less than 3000degrees kelvin), adaptively controlled (such as motion activated) where practical, and brightness (lumens) levels that are reasonable to the task needed; and

WHEREAS,

through dark sky education, outreach, and sensible exterior lighting, the residents of Ouray County can continue to enjoy for generations to come the natural asset of Starry Dark Skies over Ouray County; and

WHEREAS,

The BOCC supports Top of the Pines and Town of Ridgway sponsored events, and other events that help educate the public on sensible outdoor lighting practices that help preserve the Dark Sky asset in and around Ouray County, and

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that during this week designated as an International Dark Sky Week by the International Dark Sky Association, the BOCC proclaim that May 2022 shall be designated a Dark Sky Month in Ouray County, Colorado.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Lynn M. Padgett, Chair

Michelle Nauer, County Clerk and Recorder
By: Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Jake Niece, Vice-Chair

Ben Tisdell, Commissioner Member

