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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY COMMITTEE ON COMITTA, FONTANA, KANE, BREWSTER, STREET AND  
CAPPELLETTI, APRIL 5, 2024

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 5, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 2 through 8, 2024, as  
2 "International Dark Sky Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The welfare and enjoyment of this Commonwealth is  
4 associated with its character, including its dark skies ambiance  
5 at night; and

6 WHEREAS, Preserving and protecting the night sky enhances the  
7 use and enjoyment of property through the use of appropriate  
8 lighting practices; and

9 WHEREAS, Nighttime light pollution continues to increase,  
10 further presenting adverse impacts on all Pennsylvanians; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania values energy consumption reduction  
12 practices; and

13 WHEREAS, Sustainable outdoor lighting practices are desired  
14 to decrease the human impact on the environment; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians can take action to reduce light  
16 pollution by considering the purpose of outdoor lighting, using  
17 the correct illumination level, limiting the duration of its use  
18 to legitimate need and choosing lights that emit lower amounts

1 of harmful blue light into the nighttime environment; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians can implement environmentally  
3 responsible techniques recommended by the International Dark-Sky  
4 Association to ensure that lighting has a clear purpose, is  
5 shielded and directed only to where needed, is no brighter than  
6 necessary, is used only when needed and consists of warmer color  
7 lights with lower Kelvin ratings; and

8 WHEREAS, Lighting replacement and improvement projects that  
9 incorporate these principles will save energy and money, greatly  
10 reduce light pollution and minimize wildlife disruption; and

11 WHEREAS, Implementation of best practice dark sky policies  
12 and continued education can make a significant difference in  
13 this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes that "International Dark Sky  
15 Week" highlights the importance of taking action to reduce light  
16 pollution to better protect Pennsylvanians and the environment;  
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 2  
19 through 8, 2024, as "International Dark Sky Week" in  
20 Pennsylvania.