



## **International Dark Sky Week Proclamation April 22 - 30, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the San Luis Valley region is treasured by residents and visitors alike for having some of the darkest night skies in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the experience of standing beneath a dark sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and may encourage interest in science and nature; and

**WHEREAS**, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors and partners in the Sangre de Cristo Dark Sky Coalition are working to educate the community about light pollution and to apply to the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) for the status of “International Dark Sky Reserve;” and,

**WHEREAS**, the solutions to light pollution can be as easy as using light only where you need it, when you need it, with the minimum amount of light needed, while shielding lights and directing light downward; and,

**WHEREAS**, education about the night sky helps our community improve and maintain its unique rural character, neighborhood livability, safety, and quality of life; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Ty Coleman, Mayor of the City of Alamosa and on behalf of the entire City Council proclaim April 22 - 30, 2022 as

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in the City of Alamosa. During this week, I encourage all residents to learn about the benefits of the night sky to our community.

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Ty Coleman, Mayor