RESOLUTION #2017-4


WHEREAS, The natural dark night sky is a vanishing resource throughout the United States due to increasing light pollution from cities and towns; and,

WHEREAS, The central Idaho region still retains some of the most pristine night sky conditions in the western United States; and,

WHEREAS, A goal of the City of Stanley Comprehensive Plan (2010) is to preserve and enhance the dark night sky; and,

WHEREAS, The policy of City of Stanley (Comprehensive Plan 2010) is to achieve dark night sky protection by shielding outdoor lighting; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Stanley believes that protecting the dark night sky will provide economic benefits by promoting astro-tourism and associated educational, scientific and recreational activities within Stanley and the proposed reserve; and,

WHEREAS, Protecting the night environment from light pollution preserves the quality of life for Stanley residents, and natural diurnal habitat requirements for flora and fauna in the surrounding Sawtooth National Recreation Area, White Clouds Wilderness, and Sawtooth Wilderness,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANLEY, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

The City of Stanley supports the creation of the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve as depicted on the map included in the application to the International Dark Sky Association; and,

In addition, the City of Stanley agrees to serve on an advisory and oversight group that will coordinate actions among collaborative partners to implement the Reserve lightscape management plan.

Passed and approved by the City Council on the 10th day of August 2017.

Councilmember Steve Botti

THE MAYOR CONCURRING

Herb Mumford

ATTEST:

Cari Tassano, City Clerk

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