

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 134

Reps. Miller and Paquette offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare July 2019 as Dark Sky Awareness Month  
2 in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, The beauty and wonder of a dark night sky is part of  
4 the cultural and scientific heritage of all humanity and should be  
5 preserved and protected; and

6           Whereas, Residents, photographers, astronomers and visitors  
7 from all walks of life appreciate the dark sky of Michigan through  
8 stargazing, as one can clearly see the heavens at night; and

9           Whereas, Outdoor lighting constitutes "light pollution" of the  
10 nighttime environment; and

11           Whereas, Attention to the problem of light pollution and  
12 mitigation efforts will help ensure that the sky is preserved; and

13           Whereas, Public awareness of the benefits of dark skies is



1 encouraged; now, therefore, be it

2       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
3 this legislative body declare July 2019, as Dark Sky Awareness  
4 Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the local individuals  
5 and municipalities working to keep Michigan skies free of light  
6 pollution and we commend them for their efforts to ensure that  
7 citizens now and into the future enjoy the benefits of a pristine  
8 nighttime sky.