



**Proclamation Supporting the Dark Skies, Bright Stars Initiative
April 2025**

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head recognizes that the preservation of the night sky is essential for the protection of the natural environment, human health, safety, and the quality of life of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, excessive and misdirected artificial light contributes to light pollution, which negatively impacts wildlife, disrupts ecosystems, wastes energy, and obscures views of the stars and planets; and

WHEREAS, dark skies are essential for the health of nocturnal species, including sea turtles, migratory birds, and other wildlife that rely on natural darkness for survival; and

WHEREAS, scientific research indicates that exposure to artificial light at night can disrupt human circadian rhythms, contributing to sleep disorders and other health issues; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of dark skies contributes to tourism, recreational activities, and the overall enjoyment of the natural environment, which are vital to the Town's economy and community identity; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head has launched the Dark Skies, Bright Stars Initiative to raise awareness about the importance of reducing light pollution and to encourage responsible outdoor lighting practices; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head is committed to promoting public education, voluntary residential light evaluation, and sky quality monitoring, particularly on new moon nights, to better understand and mitigate the effects of light pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Town encourages businesses, residents, and visitors to utilize fully shielded outdoor lighting fixtures, use lighting only when necessary, and choose warmer color temperature lighting (3000 Kelvin or less) to minimize glare and light trespass.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nags Head does hereby proclaim support for the Town's Dark Skies, Bright Stars Initiative and Dark Sky Week, April 21-28, 2025, and encourages the community to join in efforts to protect and preserve the beauty and integrity of the night sky.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town will continue to work with local organizations, businesses, and residents to promote best lighting practices, enhance public education, and support efforts aimed at reducing light pollution.

This the 2nd day of April 2025.


Benjamin Caboon, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:


Brittany A. Phillips, Town Clerk

