

Town of Liberty Grove
Resolution No. 1-26
To Support Dark Sky Initiatives in the Town of Liberty Grove

WHEREAS, Newport StatePark, fully located in the Town of Liberty Grove, received an International Dark Sky designation in 2017, Wisconsin's only International Dark Sky Park; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Liberty Grove recognizes the need of preserving the Dark Sky designation and our natural night environment as a vital part of our rural character, ecological health, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Town supports efforts to reduce unnecessary light pollution, promote responsible outdoor lighting, and safeguard the habitats of nocturnal wildlife, migratory birds, and pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board further recognizes the benefits of dark-sky stewardship for public health, energy conservation, and sustainable economic growth, including nature-based and astronomy-focused education and tourism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board endorses the following goals and actions in support of maintaining and enhancing our dark skies:

- Providing educational resources on the Town website to help residents and businesses understand the benefits of dark skies and transition from standard lighting to cost-effective, dark-sky-friendly alternatives.
- Developing guidelines for outdoor lighting to help ensure that new construction and renovations align with responsible lighting practices to maintain dark skies while still providing illumination for safety and security.
- Converting Town-owned lighting to DarkSky-friendly products as part of our commitment to model best practices and reduce unnecessary light pollution.
- Exploring county-wide approaches to responsible lighting, including potential ordinances and collaborative efforts with neighboring municipalities to protect Door County's shared night sky.

Nancy B Goss, Chairman of the Board - Town of Liberty Grove

I, Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Liberty Grove, hereby certify that the above resolution was passed at a properly noticed meeting of the Liberty Grove Town Board on March 4, 2026.

Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer - Town of Liberty Grove