



**Agenda Item B.1
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: April 7, 2026**

**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Recognizing
the Week of April 13-20 as International Dark Sky Week**



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 13-20 AS "INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK"

WHEREAS, the beauty and wonder of a star-filled night sky is the shared heritage of all humankind, and the natural beauty of Goleta, including the star-filled sky, is valued by residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and fosters a growing interest in science and nature, especially among young people within the Goleta community; and

WHEREAS, light pollution not only impacts the ability to see stars, but has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities, including Goleta; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, Goleta's natural places can be impacted by light pollution that affects migrating birds, nocturnal animals and overall ecosystem health, especially in the local habitats around the Goleta Slough, Lake Los Carneros Park, Ellwood Bluffs, local creeks, and nearby foothills; and

WHEREAS, reducing light pollution involves making better use of outdoor lighting to direct light down where it is useful instead of upward into the sky, and using outdoor lighting only when and where necessary; and

WHEREAS, International Dark-Sky Week is meant to raise awareness of the effects of light pollution, provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public, and encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, does hereby recognize the week of April 13-20, 2026 as "International Dark Sky Week" in the City of Goleta, and urges residents to learn about night sky friendly lighting, to implement practices and improvements that will reduce light pollution, and to look up and experience the wonder of the star-filled night.

APPROVED this 7th day of April 2026




PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR