

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP, BEAVER ISLAND
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Resolution 2020.11.11.02

Authorizing Support of Dark Sky Preserve Designation for Beaver Island

At a regular meeting of the St James Township Board, held at the St James Township Hall, located in St James Township, Michigan on November 11, 2020.

Present: _____

Absent: _____

The following resolution was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, St. James Township Board recognizes that the night sky is part of the cultural, educational, and scientific heritage of all humanity, which should be preserved and protected, and

WHEREAS, Beaver Island has over 12,000 acres of publicly held lands which present pristine, undiluted night sky viewing opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the night sky represents an important natural resource that contributes to the health and quality of life for residents, visitors and wildlife in Northern Lake Michigan, and

WHEREAS, Dark Sky Designation and related activities represent a significant opportunity for economic development within the region, and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned Dark Sky Sanctuary lends itself to inclusion in the state's Dark Sky Preserve Legislation, and

WHEREAS, the township is committed to promoting dark sky friendly lighting, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. James Township board supports the creation of a Dark Sky Sanctuary on Beaver Island that includes designated sites on public lands; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. James Township board calls upon its State Representative and/or State Senator to introduce and support legislation that will secure this designation.

YES: _____ NO: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

By: _____ Date: _____

The above signed, Julie Gillespie, hereby certifies that she is the duly elected and acting clerk of the Township of St James and further certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular board meeting of the Township board held on November 11, 2020.