A Proclamation by the Mayor and City Council of Ivins City, State of Utah

WHEREAS, Governor Spencer Cox has declared the month of April as Dark Sky Month in each of the past three years; and

WHEREAS, more than 80% of residents in north America can no longer view the Milky Way at night from their home; and

WHEREAS, Utah is home to some of the darkest skies on earth and currently leads the world in dark sky preservation with 27 designated Dark Sky places including all of our national parks, 10 state parks, six National Monuments and four communities; and

WHEREAS, visitors to Utah that engage in astronomical observations tend to stay longer, spend more money, and show respect for our local communities; and

WHEREAS, star-gazing, astronomy programs, star parties, dark sky photography and many other activities allow Utah residents and visitors to enjoy the physical and emotional benefits of the night sky; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of dark sky practices by city government, developers, and the residents of a community promotes a general sense of pride and accomplishment , reduces energy costs, and preserves Utah's Western lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, dark skies promote the well-being of many animal and plant species and positively impact the health of human beings; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies, as well as Utah's recreation, tourism, and education sectors in this statewide effort that have made the opportunity to enjoy the night sky available for all to enjoy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hart, Mayor of Ivins City with the consent of the Ivins City Council do hereby declare the week of April 2nd through April 8th, 2024 as Ivins City Dark Sky Week and urge our residents to venture outdoors at least one evening that week to be awed by the brightness of the stars and celestial planets against the darkened backdrop of Ivins' night sky.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

Given under my hand and Seal of Ivins City, State of Utah

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Mayor, Ivins City
March 21, 2024