

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER DUFFY **RESOLUTION #** 04-21-2021
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER DUFFY

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY
AND THE MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY
ASSOCIATION'S LIGHTS OUT HEARTLAND CAMPAIGN.**

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Audubon Society (SLAS) and the Missouri Chapter of the International Dark Sky Association (Dark Sky-Missouri) aim to provide birds safe passage during migration periods by reducing light pollution, as well as building and glass collisions through the Lights Out Heartland campaign; and

WHEREAS, birds help with the control of pests, carrion regulation, pollination, and seed dispersal while adding beauty and connecting people to nature and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, birdwatching is an economic driver in the St. Louis region and is fun, relaxing, multigenerational, educational, and wellness activity for all; and

WHEREAS, a wide diversity of birds in St. Louis County indicated a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, most birds migrate at night, navigating by using the stars and moon, and can become disoriented by bright artificial light and sky glow, resulting in exhaustion or deadly collisions with buildings and glass; and

WHEREAS, collisions with buildings is one of the top causes for mortality of birds in the United States, with St. Louis ranking as the fifth most dangerous city during spring migration and the sixth most dangerous city during fall migration; and

WHEREAS, the Lights Out Heartland program strategy is aimed to persuade building owners and managers and homeowners to turn off exterior lighting on all buildings at night during the high migration intensity months of May and September; and

WHEREAS, these measures save energy and money, and protect birds migrating to nesting and wintering grounds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ellisville joins St. Louis County, the international community and cities including Minneapolis, Chicago, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Dallas, New York, and Toronto in sponsoring Lights Out project birds during migration; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this Resolution has been provided for public inspection prior to consideration by the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

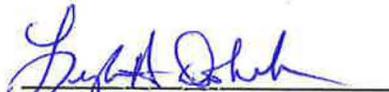
SECTION 1. The Council supports reducing bird mortality in the area and encourages St. Louis County businesses, organizations, and residents to turn off any exterior lighting during high migration intensity months of May and September. The Council further commits to working with other County officials to consider partnering with the SLAS and Dark Sky-Missouri to enroll County-owned or managed buildings in the Lights Out Heartland campaign.

SECTION 2. The Council hereby authorizes staff to provided executed copies of this resolution to the St. Louis County Executive, the Missouri Chapter of the International Dark Sky Association, and the Secretary of the St. Louis Audubon Society.

THIS RESOLUTION, #04-21-2021, IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON THIS 21st DAY OF April, 2021.

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DIST 1 – VACANT	_____	_____	_____
McGRATH	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
REEL	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
CAHILL	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
POOL	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
DUFFY	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
ROEMERMAN	<u> X </u>	_____	_____

ATTEST:


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CITY OF ELLISVILLE


MAYOR MIKE ROEMERMAN