



PROCLAMATION 2026-01
INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK
APRIL 13-20, 2026

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing under a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature, particularly among young people and visitors from outside the local communities; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts on the ecology and human health of all communities; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the world's population, including many people in the Village of Angel Fire, lives under a dome of light pollution—excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

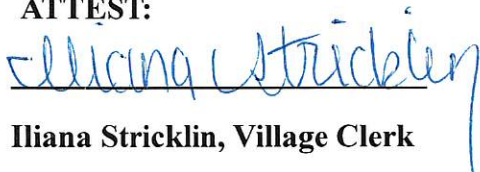
WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, Dark-Sky International, the globally recognized authority on light pollution, recognizes International Dark-Sky Week 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.

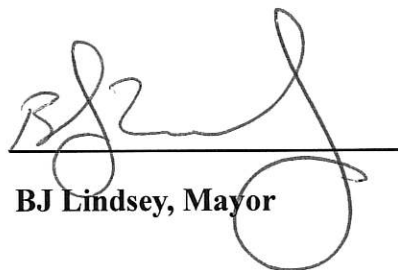
NOW, THEREFORE, I, BJ Lindsey, Mayor of the Village of Angel Fire, do hereby declare April 13-20, 2026, as ***“International Dark- Sky Week”***

Proclaimed this 31st day of March 2026

ATTEST:


Hiliana Stricklin, Village Clerk




BJ Lindsey, Mayor