

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize Potawatomi Wildlife Park as the first Dark-Sky Preserve in Indiana.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize Potawatomi Wildlife Park as the first Dark-Sky Preserve in Indiana.

Whereas, Potawatomi Wildlife Park is a 200-acre complex that consists of fields, woodlands, ponds, and wetlands and is bordered by the Tippecanoe River. The Park is managed as a natural sanctuary for plants and animals of northern Indiana;

Whereas, the Park also preserves both prehistorical and historical Native American encampments, the Steven Ben-nack Potawatomi Indian village, a portion of the Goshen-Logansport trail, and the Tippecanoe River ford where several early Native American trails crossed the river;

Whereas, since the early to mid 1990's, Potawatomi Wildlife Park has had in effect a policy promoting the wise use of lighting. The implementation of this policy has made Potawatomi Wildlife Park the first official "Dark Sky Preserve" in the State of Indiana;

Whereas, Potawatomi Wildlife Park promotes wise lighting principles in their educational outreach programs to the

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community. In addition, local and regional astronomical societies utilize Potawatomi Wildlife Park for their dark sky observation site; and

Whereas, The Indiana Council on Outdoor Lighting Education (ICOLE) and the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) have recognized Potawatomi Wildlife Park as Indiana's first dark-sky preserve: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes Potawatomi Wildlife Park as Indiana's first dark-sky preserve.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Michael Stephan, Park Manager of the Potawatomi Wildlife Park.

