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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the planets, stars and moon as seen by Galileo Galilei in 1609 are still as much a part of the sky over the Barrington area as they were in his time; and

WHEREAS, the visual splendor of those celestial bodies while still in the ferment of the Dark Sky are now obscured and obviated by the ever-expanding practice of using upward focused artificial lighting of the modern age which lighting is known to negatively affect plant growth and animal habitat; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the International Year of Astronomy will return the attention of the world to that splendor seen by Galileo and restore a view for some for only one night by the simple curtailment of such illumination; and

WHEREAS, the participation in International Year of Astronomy events is a way of safeguarding flora and fauna in their natural environment, conserving energy, and restoring the view of the starry night sky.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITIZENS FOR CONSERVATION, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE DARK SKY OVER BARRINGTON A FITTING ATTRIBUTE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY IN 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have passed this proclamation on this 19th day of January, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edith M. Auchter".

Edith M. Auchter
President

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