



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION by the City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, designating April 13-19, 2026, "Bainbridge Island Dark Sky Week" emphasizing the importance of preserving dark skies on Bainbridge Island.

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to protecting the natural environment and quality of life for residents of Bainbridge Island; and

WHEREAS, dark night skies are a finite natural resource that support human health, wildlife, wildlife and plant ecosystems and habitat, cultural heritage, recreational enjoyment, science, technology, engineering, art, and math education, and scientific discovery; and

WHEREAS, dark night skies have inspired art, human creativity, and wonder throughout human history, inspiring amazing works of art including, but not limited to, Vincent van Gogh's painting "Starry Night", Claude Debussy's classical piano composition "Clair de Lune", Antoine de Saint-Exupéry best-selling book "The Little Prince", and William Shakespeare's romantic fantasy comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream", and other artworks evoking emotions and reflecting humanity's connection with the universe; 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

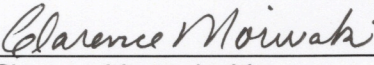
WHEREAS, the Battle Point Observatory, operated by the Battle Point Astronomical Association and located within Battle Point Park, is a unique scientific, educational, and cultural resource whose ability to conduct astronomical observation and research depends upon dark skies and the protection from light pollution; and

WHEREAS, DarkSky 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, Clarence Moriwaki, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the City Council hereby proclaim:

1. The preservation of dark night skies is a community value that enhances environmental quality, supports wildlife and human health, promotes scientific inquiry, encourages children to be involved in math and science, and contributes to Bainbridge Island's character and quality of life; and
2. April 13 through April 19, 2026, "Bainbridge Island Dark Sky Week," in alignment with and in recognition of International Dark Sky Week.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2026


Clarence Moriwaki, Mayor

