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Clayton, MO 63105

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## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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**TO:** MAYOR HARRIS; BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
**FROM:** DAVID GIPSON, CITY MANAGER  
MATT MALICK, P.E., DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**DATE:** NOVEMBER 8, 2022  
**RE:** RESOLUTION - SUPPORT OF THE *LIGHTS OUT HEARTLAND* CAMPAIGN

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This is a resolution to consider the City of Clayton supporting the *Lights Out Heartland* Campaign.

The City of Clayton Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) discussed this topic at their October meeting and voted to forward this recommendation to the Board of Alderman for consideration.

Lights Out Heartland is a collaboration of organizations from the heartland area of the USA that are partnering to reduce light pollution during bird migration periods. This program is spearheaded by the Missouri Chapter of the International Dark-Sky Association and is one example of numerous national partnerships between the International Dark-Sky Association and the National Audubon Society.

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, which are one of the top causes of 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.

With the approval of this resolution, the City will encourage Clayton businesses, organizations, City-owned or managed buildings, and residents to turn off any exterior lighting during the high migration intensity months of May and September and will share educational information such as the Audubon's ready-to-use brochures to the whole community through its website and social media platforms.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-24**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LIGHTS OUT HEARTLAND CAMPAIGN**

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**WHEREAS**, *Lights Out Heartland* is a collaboration of organizations from the heartland area of the USA that are partnering to reduce light pollution during bird migration periods; and

**WHEREAS**, this program is spearheaded by the Missouri Chapter of the International Dark-Sky Association, *Lights Out Heartland* is one example of the national partnership between the International Dark-Sky Association and the National Audubon Society and is one of many "*Lights Out*" initiatives throughout the USA; 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 are one of the top causes of 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 City encourages Clayton businesses, organizations, and residents to turn off any exterior lighting during the high migration intensity months of May and September; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board further commits to encouraging City-owned or managed buildings to participate in the Lights Out Heartland campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, The City will share educational information such as the Audubon's ready-to-use brochures to the whole community through its website and social media platforms; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Clayton through its Mayor and Board of Aldermen does hereby support the *Lights out Heartland* Campaign during the months of May and September and urges all residents and businesses, where safe and practical, to participate in turning off exterior lights.

Passed by the Board of Aldermen this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of November 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk