

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 19

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HOLSMAN (Sponsor), LOW, ROORDA, BIVINS, GRILL,  
OXFORD, HARRIS AND WALTON GRAY (Co-sponsors).

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2       **Whereas**, excessive and misdirected light is considered energy waste and misuse;  
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4       **Whereas**, current research by the National Park Service indicates the rate at which  
5       light pollution is increasing will leave almost no dark skies in the contiguous United States by  
6       2025; and  
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8       **Whereas**, many Missouri state parks have an impaired view of the night sky due  
9       to light pollution; and  
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11       **Whereas**, Missouri state facilities have the duty and responsibility to demonstrate  
12       best practices in energy conservation and reduce all visible signs of energy waste:  
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14       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
15       Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
16       concurring therein, hereby urge all state agencies to provide public education on light pollution  
17       and develop guidelines to address light pollution in new and existing state facilities; and  
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19       **Be it further resolved** that the Director of the Missouri Department of  
20       Natural Resources is hereby requested to convene a group of stakeholders to study the current  
21       and projected impacts of light pollution on public health, energy consumption, state tourism, and  
22       resources, including state parks, military bases, and wildlife. The Director is requested to submit  
23       to the Missouri General Assembly a report and recommendations relating to the study on or  
24       before January 1, 2012; and

25       **Be it further resolved** that the Director of the Missouri Department of  
26 Natural Resources is hereby requested to convene a group of stakeholders, including the  
27 Lieutenant Governor and the Division of Tourism to:

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29           (1) Identify premier public lands for star gazing;

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31           (2) Identify communities surrounding these public lands interested in creating an  
32 International Dark Sky Reserve or a Starlight Reserve;

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34           (3) Provide assistance through the application process; and

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36       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
37 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for  
38 Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder; Mark N. Templeton, Director of the Missouri Department  
39 of Natural Resources; R.B. "Bob" Smith, III, Director of the Missouri Division of Tourism; and  
40 the director of each Missouri state agency.

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