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An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May as Dark Sky Week

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and
Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, MATLACK of St.
George, POMERLEAU of Standish, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-V** is enacted to read:

3 **§150-V. Dark Sky Week**

4 The 2nd full week in May of each year is designated as Dark Sky Week to celebrate
5 the dark skies of the State and to bring attention to the effects of artificial light on spring
6 bird migration and the importance of curbing artificial light pollution. The Governor shall
7 issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging citizens and schools to observe this week
8 with appropriate activities and study.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill establishes the 2nd full week in May of each year as Dark Sky Week.