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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STARGAZING AT POINT LOOKOUT STATE PARK

WHEREAS: Stargazing can be an enriching exercise for the heart and soul

WHEREAS: Stargazing is one of the oldest recreational activities.

WHEREAS: Due to light pollution, stargazing is extremely difficult in Maryland.

WHEREAS: Light pollution, both local and distant, is very manageable at Point Lookout State Park.

WHEREAS: Light pollution is so low in the State Park that one can see the Milky Way.

WHEREAS: One is not currently allowed to go into the park after dark without possessing a fishing license and fishing equipment while actively fishing.

WHEREAS: Groups of students lead by a professor are not allowed into the park after dark.

WHEREAS: Small groups of students and individual students are not allowed in the park after small dark.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Maryland Government will allow individuals and groups to stargazing at Point Lookout State Park after dark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Maryland Government will allow large groups, accompanied by a St. Mary's College of MD professor to stargaze at Point Lookout State Park after dark.

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