

**Designation of August 10, 2013 as International Starry Night and  
August 11-17, 2013 as Starlight Week in the  
Village of Homer Glen**

**WHEREAS**, composed largely of gas and plasma, stars are cosmic energy engines that produce heat and light; and

**WHEREAS**, though the number of stars in existence is unknown, our universe likely contains more than 100 billion galaxies, with each galaxy possibly having more than 100 billion stars; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 3,000 stars are revealed to the human eye on a clear night; and

**WHEREAS**, these stars have provided the foundation for some of the oldest hobbies in the World, including stargazing and the natural science of astronomy; and

**WHEREAS**, stargazing and astronomy have faced obstacles over the last century with the emergence of artificial light in developed societies; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Pat Quinn recently designated August 11-17<sup>th</sup> as Starry Night Week in the State of Illinois in order to enjoy the entertainment and beauty of our stars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Homer Glen, the Fourth International Dark Sky Community in the World, has become known for Starry Night viewing since 2008 and educating the public on dark sky awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Homer Glen participated in the First International Starry Night by hosting a Stargazing event on July 12, 2013 in which approximately 225 people from across the Chicagoland area participated at Homer Township's Trantina Farm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Homer Glen and Homer Township have a future Starry Night event planned for September 27, 2013; and

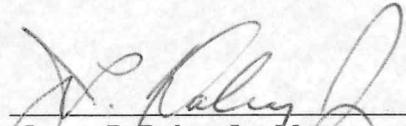
**WHEREAS**, opportunities for starry night viewing should be enjoyed by all citizens since "the National Park Service study predicts that by 2025, 90% of people in the contiguous U.S. will never see the starry night sky even once in their lifetime;" and

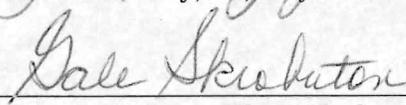
**WHEREAS**, the Village of Homer Glen, the Fourth International Dark Sky Community in the world, supports Starlight Week and International Starry Night.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homer Glen, that August 10, 2013 is designated as International Starry Night and August 11-17, 2013 as Starlight Week in the Village of Homer Glen, Will County, IL in celebration of the beauty of the stars and bringing back starlight.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of July, 2013



  
James P. Daley, Jr., Mayor

Attest:   
Gale Skroboton, Village Clerk