

# The Town of Genoa supports ‘Dark Skies’

## GENOA TOWN ADVISORY BOARD ILLUMINATED BY PRESENTATION

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In May of 2000, the Town of Genoa adopted a resolution on Light Pollution (the text of which is included here).

Genoa resident, Maggie Tracey, gave a presentation on the status of the “Good Neighbor Lighting” policy. Everyone is encouraged to continue their efforts to promote dark skies by reducing light pollution.

### TOWN OF GENOA’S RESOLUTION ON REDUCING LIGHT POLLUTION

Be it here by resolved that the Town of Genoa, the oldest settlement in the State of Nevada, encourages and supports efforts to reduce light pollution and light trespass; to educate the public about effective,

glare free lighting, and efficient security lighting; and to preserve the beauty of the night skies. In many cases all that is needed is to point existing lights correctly, install a simple shield, or use a less intense light source;

And,

Whereas, bright lighting is not an effective protection against crime. Neither studies by the FBI, the U.S. Justice Department , nor a U.S. Congressional study found conclusive evidence that lighting reduces crime. Crime is not reduced by sending light upward into the sky or by sending glare into your eyes;

And,

Whereas, flora and fauna also suffer

from light pollution,

And,

Whereas, the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America has acknowledged the light pollution problem by adopting recommendations that call for the use of shielding light fixtures of only moderate brightness;

And,

Be it further resolved that as the first and oldest settlement in Nevada, Genoa will continue its long standing tradition of firsts by being the first community in Nevada to promote the idea of “good neighbor lighting” by resolution.

*Adopted May 9, 2000*



*‘Dark Skies’  
resolution for Genoa  
will help reduce light  
pollution and  
preserves the night  
for those who love  
Carson Valley’s  
starred-filled skies*

