

International Dark-Sky Association

since 1988

"... to preserve and protect the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies through quality outdoor lighting."

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To whom it may concern:

The International Dark-Sky Association is proud to announce the award of International Dark Sky Reserve (IDSR) to Mont- Mégantic, in Quebec, Canada. This major accomplishment is the first of its kind in the world.

This award is presented to recognize the leadership provided by the Mont-Mégantic ASTROLab over the last five years to protect the night sky of Mont-Mégantic and the surrounding region. More specifically, actions were taken to preserve the excellent quality of night sky.

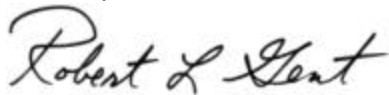
The site includes Mont-Mégantic professional Observatory and public astronomical activities offered by the Mont-Mégantic National Park. Lighting control regulations were adopted by 32 municipalities within the MRC of Granit, within Haut-Saint-François, and in Sherbrooke City.

In addition, there were well designed lighting fixture replacement programs in 16 of these municipalities, and there were strong commitments from all local, regional, and national partners.

By controlling light pollution, energy is conserved, wildlife is protected, and the beauty of night skies is preserved for future generations. Mont-Mégantic has clearly set a fine example for communities around the world.

Based on these many accomplishments, we recognize the Mont-Mégantic Area and all the municipalities included in this territory, as an IDSR and applause all efforts done.

Sincerely,



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