

The AAS endorses the 2009 IAU resolution affirming that access to a dark night sky is a universal human right, making quality outdoor lighting a worldwide imperative.

The AAS calls on all US communities to adopt the following principles for outdoor lighting:

1. Full cutoff shielding – no light should escape above the horizontal from any outdoor light fixtures.
2. Spectral management – blue light should be minimized everywhere and light sources should be as monochromatic as possible near critical observatory and natural sites.
3. Control of Light level -- Light levels should be properly matched to usage zone, time, and vehicle and pedestrian traffic, with the added goal of energy efficiency and long-term sustainability.

To realize its mission to enhance and share humanity's scientific understanding of the Universe, the AAS calls on all its members to take local action in support of dark skies.