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Dear Mr. Frommert and Ms. Kronberg,

Thank you for your tireless work (and, we're sure, probably all-too-often, thankless, as well) helping document Messier Marathon runs by amateur astronomers.

Starting at 5pm ET on the evening of March 20, 2021, and proceeding through 8am ET on the morning of March 21, 2021, the following team of amateurs from CloudyNights EAA forum managed, in the middle of the pandemic, a COVID-safe online marathon through all 110 of the Messier catalog of deep space objects.

- Roel Boudry
- Robert Chandler
- Jeffrey Horn
- Sanjeev Joshi
- Doug Lucas
- Frank Rossetti
- Gary Shaw
- Phil Wolski

We also managed to image each object using electronically-assisted astronomy (EAA) strategies (fast scopes, sensitive CMOS cameras, and live-stacking software). We kept a spreadsheet of our progress and worked together as a team throughout the night. Attached is the tracking sheet.

We respectfully submit our request to be considered a part of the incredibly faithful few who have tackled this all-night vigil. Thank you, again, for your part in tracking all this.

Respectfully and with deep gratitude,

Doug Lucas

Volunteer Facilitator

First Annual CloudyNights EAA "Team" Messier Marathon 2021

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