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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** International DarkSky Week is observed in April on the week of the new moon, and

**WHEREAS:** The experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and encourages stewardship of our shared environment and our magnificent dark skies; and

**WHEREAS:** Dark skies are an integral aspect of the sustainability of Oregon’s wild ecosystems as a key environmental factor in bird migration, insect pollination, and human sleep patterns; and

**WHEREAS:** Oregon’s dark skies are a significant natural resource, with seven accredited International Dark Sky Places to date—Sunriver, Prineville Reservoir State Park, Oregon Caves National Monument, City of Antelope, Oregon Outback Sanctuary, Cottonwood Canyon State Park, and City of Sisters; and

**WHEREAS:** Eastern Oregon holds the world’s largest dark sky sanctuary, and an area of the largest pristine night skies in the contiguous 48 states; and

**WHEREAS:** Astro-tourism, including star gazing, astronomy star parties, and dark sky photography, is an evolving facet of outdoor recreation with real economic benefits for communities across Oregon, and which promotes the mitigation of light pollution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE:** The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **April 21-28, 2025** to be

**“International Dark Sky Week”**

in Deschutes County, and encourages all Oregonians to join in this observance.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

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Anthony DeBone, Chair

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Patti Adair, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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Recording Secretary

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Phil Chang, Commissioner