

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** International Dark Sky 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 three accredited Dark Sky Places to date—Sunriver, Prineville Reservoir State Park, and the world's largest dark sky sanctuary, the Oregon Outback International Dark Sky Sanctuary; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians may enjoy astro-tourism, including star gazing, astronomy star parties, and dark sky photography, as part of an evolving facet of outdoor recreation with real economic benefits for communities across the state, and which promotes the mitigation of light pollution.

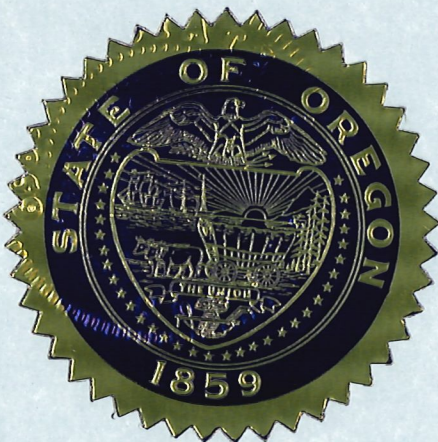
NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2nd - 8th, 2024** to be

OREGON DARK SKY WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, March 28, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State