

## PROCLAMATION

*Whereas, International Dark Sky Week is observed in April on the week of the new moon; and*

*Whereas, Salem is a growing City in a growing metropolitan area, with growth and development comes more outdoor lighting; and*

*Whereas, the experience of standing under a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature, particularly among young people and visitors from outside the local communities.; and*

*Whereas, Salem is on the Pacific Flyway, where light pollution threatens migratory birds, including disrupting patterns and contributing to collisions, which cause up to 1 billion bird deaths every year; and*

*Whereas, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts on the ecology and human health of all communities; and*

*Whereas, Oregon's dark skies are a significant natural resource, with seven accredited Dark Sky Places to date – Antelope, Sisters, Sunriver, Prineville Reservoir and Cottonwood Canyon State Parks, Oregon Caves National Monument & Preserve, and the world's largest dark sky sanctuary, the Oregon Outback International Dark Sky Sanctuary; and*

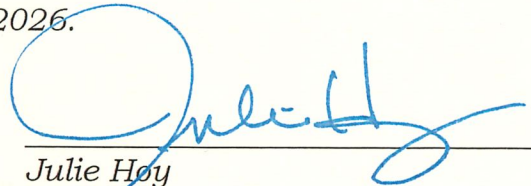
*Whereas, Oregonians may enjoy Astro-tourism, as part of an evolving facet of outdoor recreation with real economic benefits for the Salem community.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim the month of April, as

### **Dark Sky Oregon Awareness Month**

*and ask the community to observe this day by becoming educated on what they can do to limit light pollution.*

DATED this thirteenth Day of April 2026.



Julie Hoy  
Mayor

