



**PROCLAMATION NO. 2026-01**

*A Proclamation Declaring April 13 through April 20 as International Dark Sky Week*

**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 seven accredited Dark Sky Locales 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 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.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE RESOLVED that the City of La Pine does hereby declare the week of April 13-20, 2026, as:

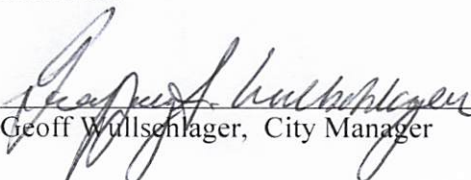
**International Dark Sky Week, La Pine**

In La Pine, Oregon, and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

Adopted by the La Pine City Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

  
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Jeannine Earls, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Geoff Willschlager, City Manager