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A PROCLAMATION APPLAUDING CONGRESSMAN GREG WALDEN

WHEREAS, On December 18, 2014, President Obama signed into law, H.R. 2640, the Crooked River Collaborative Water Security and Jobs Act (Public Law 113-244), a bill originally introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Greg Walden; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, Congressman Greg Walden secured the unanimous approval by the House of Representatives of two separate bills addressing federal restrictions regarding water management at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Arthur R. Bowman Dam, including House of approval of H.R. 2060 on June 5, 2012 and H.R. 2640 on October 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, In a bipartisan and determined effort, and in the final hours of the 113th session of Congress, Congressman Greg Walden worked closely with Senator Merkley and members of the House Natural Resources Committee and Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to amend H.R. 2640 and secure its unanimous approval by Congress on December 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The final amendments strengthened H.R. 2640 to provide clear legal certainty regarding the amount of water that will be stored and released each year for local farmers, ranchers, and the City of Prineville, and for the water supplies that may be stored and released for fish and wildlife purposes in the Crooked River; and

WHEREAS, In the final days of the 113th session of Congress, Congressman Walden displayed a remarkable commitment to Central Oregon's agricultural community, and to the people who live and work in Crook and Jefferson Counties, and to enhancing the Crooked River's fish and wildlife values; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the City of Prineville, Crook County, Ochoco Irrigation District, and North Unit Irrigation District applaud Congressman Greg Walden for his ever-present commitment to the long-term water supply certainty of our community, and for his dedication to responsible, sustainable public policy that truly benefits Oregon's economy and environment.