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A PROCLAMATION APPLAUDING SENATOR RON WYDEN

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 amended by the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, Oregon's senior Senator, Ron Wyden, cosponsored several bills in the Senate regarding the management of water at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Arthur R. Bowman Dam, including S. 1771, the Crooked River Collaborative Water Security Act which was introduced on November 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating clear leadership in the closing hours of the 113<sup>th</sup> session of Congress, Senator Wyden supported the work of Senator Jeff Merkley and Congressman Greg Walden, along with members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, to amend H.R. 2640 and to secure its unanimous passage; and

WHEREAS, The Senate amendments to the House bill, which were unanimously approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives on December 11, 2014, strengthened H.R. 2640 to provide 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 113<sup>th</sup> session of Congress, Senator Wyden encouraged and supported members of Oregon's Congressional delegation to amend H.R. 2640 so the final bill would establish a clear commitment to Central Oregon's agricultural community, to the people who live and work in Crook County, and to enhance the Crooked River's fish and wildlife values; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be is proclaimed that the City of Prineville, Crook County, Ochoco Irrigation District, and North Unit Irrigation District applaud Senator Ron Wyden for his commitment to the long-term water supply certainty of our community and the Crooked River.