



### Welcoming Week 2024 Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, our community, state and nation are stronger when we work together as a people in seeking the American dream through the shared values of hard work and equitable opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the diverse experiences and perspectives of our students and families are a vital part of our community, enriching and strengthening our schools, community, and collective future; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of Bend-La Pine Schools depends on making sure that all students and families feel welcome and experience a sense of belonging - including those who are underserved and/or marginalized; who are recent immigrants; who are black, indigenous, and people of color; who are experiencing poverty, houselessness, or foster/kinship care; who are LGBTQ+; who are experiencing disability; and who are linguistically diverse; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor the spirit of unity during Welcoming Week that is bringing neighbors together across Central Oregon to honor and elevate the voices of all;

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT** we, the Board of Directors for Bend-La Pine Schools, hereby proclaim September 13<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, Welcoming Week. We invite all students and families of Bend-La Pine Schools to join this movement of schools and communities nationwide, renewing our commitment to our core American values and taking action together to build strong and inclusive schools across our community that stand as a beacon of education and opportunity.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024

Signed:

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Board Chair

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. St. B. Cook", written over a horizontal line.

Superintendent