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PROCLAMATION

Designating December 13, 2025, as National Wreaths Across America Day

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America is a national nonprofit organization founded in 2007 to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992, and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America's mission is to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those who serve, and TEACH the next generation about the true cost of freedom, and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America is made up of more than 4,900 participating locations across the country, run by dedicated volunteers who share the mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach through annual wreath-laying ceremonies each December and awareness and education events throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Columbia County, Oregon, do hereby proclaim December 13, 2025, as NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY in the county of Columbia and extend thanks and appreciation to our veterans and Gold Star Families for their service and sacrifice, and to Wreaths Across America for bringing this honor to our community.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 3 day of December 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, QREGON

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