



Proclamation

Whereas the travel industry fuels every industry and will continue to be an essential part of Coos Bay's economy, development and workforce, and;

Whereas travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with an economic output of \$2.6 trillion in 2022, supporting 14.5 million American jobs, and;

Whereas travel spending supports vibrant and safe communities in Oregon and across the United States by generating \$84 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2022 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more, and;

Whereas travel enables success for all industries—including manufacturing, agriculture, defense, healthcare and more—by driving sales growth, innovation, education and operations that move our economy, our nation and Coos Bay forward, and;

Whereas travel is an economic driver locally where visitor spending in Coos County in 2022 exceeded \$295.6 million, supporting more than 3,600 local jobs, and generating local tax receipts in excess of \$2.1 million, and;

Whereas the travel industry's success will grow Coos Bay's economy and workforce, since, prior to the pandemic, small businesses accounted for 60% of leisure and hospitality employment, and;

Whereas travel is an essential industry, and we must continue to communicate that growing travel leads to economic growth, benefits businesses and fosters mutual understanding.

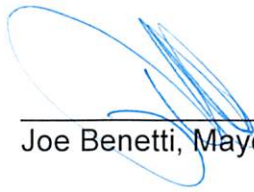
NOW, **T**HEREFORE, **B**e **I**T **R**esolved that I, Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2023, to be,

National Travel and Tourism Week

During this week, urge the citizens of Coos Bay to join me in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in Coos Bay and all of Oregon's Adventure Coast.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 2nd day of May 2023.



Joe Benetti, Mayor