

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 22-11-01-08

In the Matter of Commenting on a  
Proposal to the Oregon Geographic  
Names Board to Change the Name of a  
Natural Feature in Lane County Known  
as Swastika Mountain to Mount Halo

**WHEREAS**, geographic naming in Oregon is a public process by which anyone can submit a formal proposal for consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB) is the official advisor and state geographic names authority of Oregon with the purpose of supervising the naming of geographic features within the state of Oregon and making recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic Names (USBGN), which has final approval authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the OGNB has received three proposals to rename the mountain to date and two have been withdrawn; and

**WHEREAS**, the swastika has been used as a positive symbol for tens of thousands of years, but for the last hundred years has maintained an overwhelmingly negative meaning for many communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the OGNB requests comment from the Lane County Board of County Commissioners on naming proposals prior to the OGNB forwarding their recommendation to the USBGN.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS and RESOLVES** as follows:

1. Strong support for all efforts to rename Swastika Mountain; and
2. Support for the application for the proposed name of "Mount Halo" for the mountain currently known as "Swastika Mountain" centered at 43° 41' 32" N, 122° 36' 12" W.

**ADOPTED** this 1st day of November, 2022.



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Pat Farr, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners