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PROCLAMATION
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY

WHEREAS the year 2009 marks 400 years since Galileo Galilei first pointed his telescope at the sky to explore space; and

WHEREAS the United Nations and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization have declared 2009 to be the International Year of Astronomy, a year in which science and astronomy will be promoted around the world; and

WHEREAS Oak Bay is home to the University of Victoria Department of Physics and Astronomy, where professional astronomers and students have been making important discoveries about the universe and our places in it for many years; and

WHEREAS the members of the Victoria Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada are continuing their work of promoting astronomy in Victoria, Oak Bay, and elsewhere in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS with nearly a century of active professional and amateur astronomy in Saanich, educators and astronomers will work this year to preserve dark skies and open the wonders of the universe to a new generation; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher M. Causton, Mayor of the District of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim the year 2009 as "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY" in Oak Bay.

Christopher M. Causton
Mayor, District of Oak Bay

