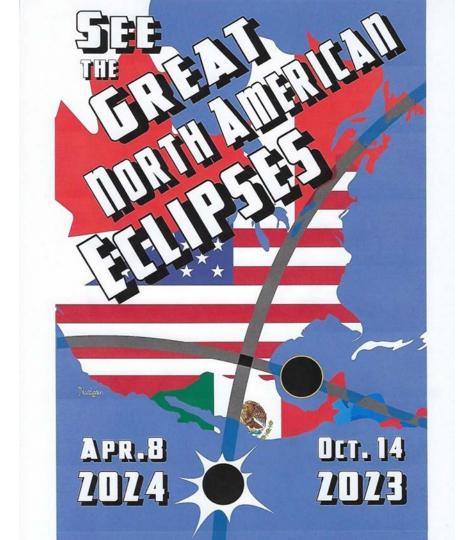


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Things we're working on...





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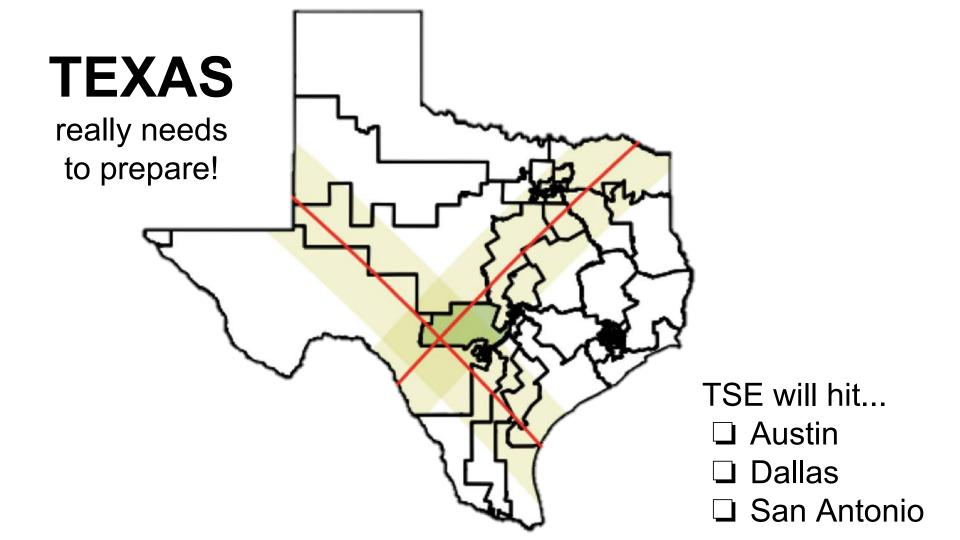
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty

AN ACT establishing April 8, 2024 as Solar Eclipse Day.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 Statement of Intent.
- I. Since before recorded history, human action, imagination, and passion have been inspired and guided by the celestial bodies, none more important than our sun, the source of all life on Earth, and our moon, our constant reminder of beauty, change, and hope in times of darkness.
- II. On April 8, 2024, the sun, the moon, and we here on Earth will perfectly align in a total solar eclipse, an exceptional and providential occurrence over the ages, reminding our species once again of just how small we are, how insignificant our differences are, how vast and powerful the universe that sustains us is, and how we are all, indeed, intimately and irrevocably connected to one another.
- III. New Hampshire will have the unique good fortune of being in the path of totality of this magnificent phenomenon, in perfect alignment with our sun and moon.
- IV. Moreover, New Hampshire, in the same spirit that we welcome all to participate in our unique political landscape, shall once again open its arms so that all people from around the country and in fact the globe can be here at that moment to witness, and be humbled by, the awe-inspiring sight of the heavenly bodies moving in their spheres.
- 2 Solar Eclipse Day. The governor shall proclaim April 8, 2024 as solar eclipse day in New Hampshire and shall urge all citizens of the state to commemorate the day with appropriate educational activities.
- 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.









There's a solar eclipse coming – in just 5 years



DAVID BROOKS Granite Geek

It's not too early to plan how you'll watch celestial shadows over Coos County

know what I'm doing 1,869 days from now. Do

I'll be watching the full solar eclipse in Littleton or thereabouts. If you want to be there, too, don't wait too long to do your planning.

"By the time you're down to a year, or a few months. it's too late - everybody's already got plans, they're all set," is how Rik Yeames puts

Yeames is a Concord resident who has the most impact on your life from owning Domino's pizza franchises in the area, but he's got a new

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SCIENCE CAFE N.H. **RETURNS TO CONCORD**

The monthly-discussion-in-a-bar series will move to a new home next month. We're shifting to Makris Lobster and Steak House on Route 106. Sessions will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, starting March 27.

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target for making an impact: April 8, 2024. That's when the shadow of a full solar eclipse will sweep directly acr

Coos County. Yeames, a member New Hampshire Astro cal Society, is one of th ing forces behind the l Hampshire Solar Eclip Task Force. That loose wants to make sure we maximum advantage geographic event.

"We figure we can ! age this - we're the fir the nation to recognize eclipse!" Yeames said.

Why such exciteme Just remember Augus when we had a pretty look at a previous solar

It was great. We gathered in happy crowds and we shared stories and we put special boxes on our head so we could indirectly see the moon block the sun. It was the sort of community-wide, gleeful celebration that rarely occurs anymore.

But we in New Hampshire saw only 62 percent coverage then! We'll see 100 percent coverage in five years, which is an exponentially more in-

will be the first place in the continental U.S. that will see a different solar eclipse - annular rather than total - six months prior, on Oct. 14, 2023. Earth, making it appear slightly smaller than the sun as viewed from the ground. When it occurs, the moon leaves a very thin ring of light Il the way around the sun.

etty cool - but not ool as a total eclipse. a good moment to the incredible coinhat here on Earth the size of our moon, a ky planet, is exactly as the apparent sun a monstrously of flaming gas. 's no reason for this If we lived on example, we'd a total eclipse: larger of its two hobos, isn't big o appear to cover e sun. It's just a happy fact of life on Earth.

No wonder I'm planning to celebrate: These days we need all the happy facts we can get!

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The Task Force began its celebration with a "First In The Nation" Total Solar Eclipse Campaign last October, celebrating an ecliptic connection between our Coos County and Coos County in Oregon.

strained because (a) our county is pronounced "koeahs" and sometimes spelled with umlauts, those little dots over the second "o", while the Oregon county is pronounced "kooss" and never spelled with umlauts; and (b) Oregon won't actually see the 2024 total eclipse. Instead, Oregon

tal eclipse-a-palooza! You heard it here first, folks, And I'll be sure vou hear a lot more in years to come.

An annular eclipse, by the way, is when the moon almost but not quite covers the entire sun. It happens when the moon's elliptical orbit has taken it too far away from the Twitter (a GraniteGeek.)

General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System ▶ NH General Court ▶ Bill Docket ► New Query ▶ Bill Text Previous Bill Result List Next Bill **SB105** Bill Title: adopting omnibus legislation relative to memorials and commemorations. **General Status:** LSR#: 904 Body: S Local Govt: N Gen Status: HOUSE Chapter#: None **Senate Status** Status PASSED/ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT 2/11/2021 Status Date **Current Committee** Finance Committee of Referral **Executive Departments and Administration** Date Introduced 1/6/2021 Due out of Committee Floor Date 2/11/2021 **House Status** Status REPORT FILED Status Date **Current Committee Executive Departments and Administration** Committee of Referral **Executive Departments and Administration** Date Introduced 2/25/2021 **Due out of Committee** 5/27/2021 Floor Date **Sponsors** Kevin Cavanaugh (D)