

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: February 11, 2014 marks the 20th Anniversary of Presidential Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority and Low-Income Populations, requiring each federal agency to identify and address disproportionate health or environmental impacts of its programs, policies and activities on low-income communities and communities of color; and

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon is committed to environmental justice and created a statewide Environmental Justice Task Force to advise state agencies and the Governor's office to address environmental justice issues effectively and to report annually on environmental justice in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: The Oregon Environmental Justice Task Force has received national recognition for its collaborative achievements working with state government to ensure public policy is based on inclusion, respect for diversity and justice for all Oregonians, free from discrimination or bias, in order to achieve a healthy environment, healthy people and livable and safe communities for all Oregonians; and

WHEREAS: The Task Force has defined environmental justice as equal protection from environmental and health hazards and meaningful public participation in decisions that affect the environment in which people live, work, learn, practice spirituality, and play, including minority and low-income communities, tribal communities, rural communities and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes.

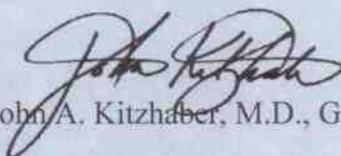
**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **February 2014** to be

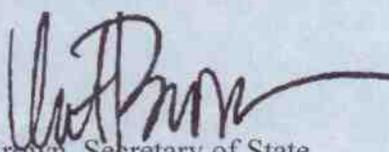
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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 18, 2014.


John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State