

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the State by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our State; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite these contributions, the role of Oregon women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history.

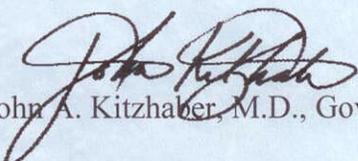
**NOW,**  
**THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 2012** to be

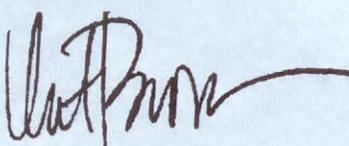
**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

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, March 1, 2012.



  
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State