

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The primary purpose of Oregon Respite Awareness Month is to honor and support Oregonians who provide respite care to families and primary care providers; and
- WHEREAS:** Families and primary care providers play an extraordinary role in meeting the intensive demands of ongoing care for children and adults with special needs, such as developmental and physical disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, chronic illness and fragility; and
- WHEREAS:** Respite care is temporary, short-term relief to strengthen the ability of families and primary care providers to continue providing home-based care; and
- WHEREAS:** Family stability enhances the well-being of family caregivers and individuals receiving care; and
- WHEREAS:** Relieving caregivers can prevent burn-out and help prevent potential abuse and neglect; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon was the first state in the nation to establish a Lifespan Respite Care Program to help counties develop and implement community-based Lifespan Respite Care Networks that assist families and caregivers to locate respite care services in their communities;

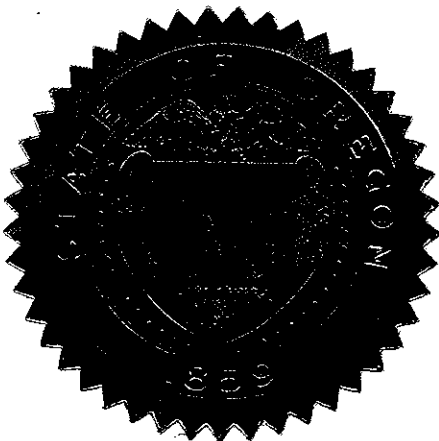
NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2008** to be

RESPITE AWARENESS 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, April 4, 2008.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury
Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State