STATE OF OREGON

# PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS:** Land is the foundation of Oregon's environment, economy, and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS:** Oregonians share a tradition of respect and reverence for the land; and

**WHEREAS:** The way we use our land profoundly affects the beauty and bounty of our state, the livability of our communities, and our sustainability for future generations; and

**WHEREAS:** Oregon's legislature in 1973 heeded the calls of its citizens and the Governor to protect our state's landscape from the ravages of unbridled growth, and passed into law a statewide program for carefully considered planning of the use of land; and

**WHEREAS:** In the 40 years since its enactment, that program has gained national and international acclaim for its innovative partnership between state and local government and its work in conserving farm and forest lands, managing urban growth, protecting natural resources, and maintaining Oregon's special quality of life; and

**WHEREAS:** It is timely that all Oregonians, native and newly arrived, young and old alike, pause in our daily pursuits to consider our accomplishments and challenges in stewardship of the land, and to envision the future of our landscape for generations yet to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2013** to be

**LAND USE PLANNING 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 2, 2013.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State