STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Wildfires increasingly threaten homes and communities; and

WHEREAS: The number, size and intensity of wildfires continue to challenge efforts to protect citizens, property and our natural resources; and

WHEREAS: Each year, more people move into the wildland-urban interface areas, creating a greater need for information at both the community and individual homeowner levels; and

WHEREAS: Backyard debris burning is the leading human behavior that causes wildfires that are typically started on small parcels of land by the landowner; and

WHEREAS: These human-caused wildfires are preventable; and

WHEREAS: Providing the communities and the individual homeowners with information and tools as to how they can manage their debris burning will more effectively prevent wildfires and protect their properties; and

WHEREAS: The Keep Oregon Green Association and local, state and federal wildfire agencies in both Oregon and Washington are working together to prevent wildfires; and

WHEREAS: All Oregonians share the responsibility for preventing wildfires.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Theodore Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 4-10, 2008** to be

WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK

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 14, 2008.

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State