

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of teen deaths in the United States and Oregon drivers age 20 and under are involved in fatal and injury crashes over twice the rate of the population as a whole;
- WHEREAS:** More than 600 teens were killed and over 77,000 teens were injured in motor vehicle crashes in Oregon this past decade, with a financial cost of more than \$600 million;
- WHEREAS:** The destruction of lives and personal property can be drastically reduced through a combination of effective laws, community programs that integrate and coordinate enforcement, parent involvement and quality driver education, changes in attitudes toward impaired driving, reducing distractions and increasing safety belt usage;
- WHEREAS:** The majority of teen driver crashes in Oregon are due to driver error and speeding;
- WHEREAS:** Working together toward a common goal of reducing teen driver crashes and providing good role models, everyone will enjoy a safer roadway system;
- WHEREAS:** It is necessary to explore effective ways to reduce the crash risk for young drivers by focusing on areas of teen driving that show the most promise for improving safety, such as requiring driver education, using graduated driver licenses and improving parental involvement;
- THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2008, to be

OREGON TEEN DRIVER SAFETY 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, September 24, 2008.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury
Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State