

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon suffered considerable damage from two moderate earthquake events in 1993 and two distant tsunamis in 1964 and 2011; and
- WHEREAS:** Scientific evidence indicates that the State of Oregon is at risk for much larger and potentially more damaging earthquakes and tsunamis; and
- WHEREAS:** A major earthquake associated with the Cascadia Subduction Zone is expected to generate strong ground shaking and a destructive tsunami similar to the event that occurred in Japan in 2011, and in which the most recent event in Oregon of this type occurred on January 26, 1700; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon enacted laws in 1995 and 2001 that require schools, state and local agencies, and large private employers to instruct and drill students and employees on emergency procedures such as those related to earthquakes and tsunamis; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon enacted laws in 2001 that require schools and emergency facilities to meet seismic life safety standards, and in 2002 enacted laws that will provide state bond funds to help mitigate risk schools and emergency facilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management will highlight these preparedness and mitigation procedures and provide increased earthquake and tsunami information to Oregon residents and visitors in March of 2012.

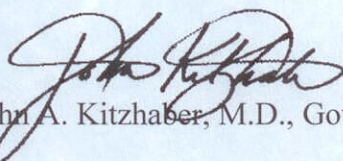
NOW,
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 2012** to be

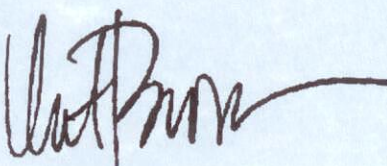
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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

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, January 5, 2012.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State