WHEREAS: National Preparedness Month creates a significant opportunity for every Oregonian to learn more about ways to prepare for all types of emergencies from potential terrorist attacks to natural disasters; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state and local officials and the private sector are working to deter, prevent and respond to all types of emergencies; and

WHEREAS: The Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management have made it a top priority to conduct outreach and educate the citizens of Oregon in the importance of preparing for emergencies; and

WHEREAS: Citizen Corps in Oregon is very active in promoting the five component areas of Community Emergency Response Teams, Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch and Fire Corps; and

WHEREAS: Adequate emergency preparation for a natural disaster, major disease outbreak, terrorist attack or other large-scale emergency is vital to the health and well-being of every Oregonian and can reduce harm to people, damage to property and financial loss.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim September 2011 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, August 8, 2011.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State