Gov. John Kitzhaber proclaims Oct. 18 as the Great Shakeout Day. The Great Shakeout is a statewide earthquake drill scheduled for 10:18 a.m. on Oct. 18.

"A disaster kit can be vital after a natural disaster and all citizens are encouraged to participate in earthquake drills where they practice, drop, cover, and hold on," said Kitzhaber in a proclamation.

More than 110,000 people have registered for the Shakeout in Oregon. Individuals, families, students, and businesses will drop, cover, and hold for one minute. The drill allows Oregonians to practice what they would do in an earthquake.

The potential for a large earthquake is a real threat in our area due to our location in the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a 600 mile long earthquake fault stretching from offshore northern California to southern British Columbia.

There is still time to register for the Shakeout. Sign up at www.Shakeout.org/oregon, or visit us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/Oregonshakeout.

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