STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Nationally, one in every 12 adults totaling 17.6 million people suffer from alcohol abuse or dependence. In Oregon, although rates have declined since 2007, more than one in six 11th-graders report binge drinking, a behavior that puts them at considerable risk for injury and other adverse health outcomes; and

WHEREAS: In 2012, 1,546 Oregonians died from alcohol-related causes. This represents a 27 percent increase in the overall rate of alcohol-related deaths since 2001. Excessive drinking accounts for one in every nine deaths in Oregon, slightly higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS: Alcohol-related problems cost America $224 billion totaling $746 per person, in lost productivity, absenteeism, health care costs, crime and family-related problems; and

WHEREAS: Most Oregon students, 74%, do not drink alcohol and most parents in Oregon, 98%, agree that they should talk to their children about alcohol use on a regular basis.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, the month of hereby proclaim April 2015 to be

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

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, March 18, 2015.

Kate Brown, Governor

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State