STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS: Fire is a serious public safety concern in Oregon, and homes are the locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire. Home fires killed 98 Oregonians from 2008 through 2012, and fire departments in Oregon responded to more than 11,000 fires; and

WHEREAS: Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in Oregon. One of every four home fires in Oregon start in the kitchen; and

WHEREAS: Oregon residents should stay in the kitchen when cooking food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

WHEREAS: Oregon residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires by half; and

WHEREAS: The 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 6-12, 2013** to be

FIRE PREVENTION 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, August 29, 2013.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State