

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The members of Oregon's fire service keep our communities safe from the ravages of fire by stopping fires before they start through prevention, suppressing fires after they start, and by investigating fires to determine how they start; and
- WHEREAS:** The members of Oregon's fire service dedicate themselves to protection of life and property by promotion of the fire code, increasing public awareness of methods for fire prevention, elevating standards and training for firefighters, increasing their readiness to respond to suppress fires, protecting communities from wildfires, reducing damage from hazardous materials and arriving first on scene when catastrophic events threaten Oregonians; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's fire service provides a fire safer Oregon for all members of the public including young, elderly or disabled, whether rural or urban; and
- WHEREAS:** The members of Oregon's fire service, whether paid or volunteer, regularly and selflessly place themselves in hazardous situations that require training, endurance and genuine care for the safety of the people of Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Volunteers make up over eighty percent of Oregon's fire service. These men and women protect their neighbors on their own time, and then often serve in fundraising efforts to maintain this critical public safety resource; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's fire service is often the first responder at the scene of disasters and contribute to public safety in ways largely unseen by the public as they develop and enforce the fire code, conduct inspections and investigations, educate to prevent fires and keep Oregonians safe where they work, live, recreate and go to school; and
- WHEREAS:** January 27<sup>th</sup> is significant marking the first organized fire department in our nation in Boston in 1678.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **January 27, 2009** to be

**FIRE SERVICE APPRECIATION DAY**

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 9, 2009.



*Theodore R. Kulongoski*  
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

*Kate Brown*  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State