

STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Individuals with disabilities are making important contributions in the workplace across the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** National Disability Employment Awareness Month recognizes the contributions American citizens with disabilities make to our society; and
- WHEREAS:** Encouraging public and private employers in Oregon to “think beyond the label” and by providing information and resources, we can work toward eliminating the fear and misconceptions that prevent people with disabilities from fulfilling their potential as productive members of the Oregon workforce; and
- WHEREAS:** By working together to open doors of opportunity for all Oregon citizens, including those with disabilities, we can help fulfill the promise of our great State; and
- WHEREAS:** In the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we can improve and expand access to education and opportunities for people with disabilities, to empower them to join the workforce and to ensure that all Oregon citizens can realize the promise of inclusion.

NOW,

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

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT 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, October 4, 2013.



John A. Kitzhaber
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Secretary of State