

PROPOSED DECLARATION  
STATE OF OREGON

**WHEREAS:** More than 12,000 people were killed or injured by drinking and drugged drivers in the State of Oregon this past decade, with a financial cost of more than \$9 billion; and

**WHEREAS:** This loss of life and often life-changing injury, as well as destruction of personal property, can be drastically reduced through a combination of: effective laws; community programs that integrate and coordinate the enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, treatment, and education components of the driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) system; and

**WHEREAS:** Residents and communities in Oregon need to continue to demand that friends and family members be responsible, avoid driving under the influence of any intoxicants, and condemn irresponsible and life-threatening driving choices; and

**WHEREAS:** The progress we have seen to date is in part the result of the efforts of millions of committed citizens across the nation and thousands of caring Oregonians; and

**WHEREAS:** By working together toward a common goal of reducing drunk and drugged driving, and therefore fewer alcohol and drug-related fatal and injury crashes, all Oregonians will benefit from safer roads and safer communities.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** December 2020 will be

**DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH**

In Oregon and we encourage all citizens to join in this observance.