

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

- WHEREAS:** Tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and
- WHEREAS:** These brave men and women have served this country in battle from the beaches of Normandy to the snows of Korea, from the jungles of Vietnam to the current battles in the mountains of Afghanistan and the deserts of Iraq; and
- WHEREAS:** Courageous veterans have stepped forward when America needed them and sacrificed much in order to preserve our freedoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon citizens share in their pride and gratitude to all those who have served this state and nation and recognize that many of them have suffered tremendous hardships; and
- WHEREAS:** It is essential to develop education programs so our youth can be made aware of the nature and accomplishments of those who have served in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS:** The 110th Congress passed Senate Resolution 692, which designates the week of November 9 through November 15 as "National Veterans Awareness Week."
- WHEREAS:** It is appropriate that the State of Oregon officially recognize, designate and set aside this week to honor U.S. military veterans and encourage patriotic, fraternal service and fraternal organizations to join in this dedicated observance of all veterans.
- NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 9 – 15, 2009** to be

**NATIONAL VETERANS AWARENESS 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, October 30, 2009.



*Theodore R. Kulongoski*

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

*Kate Brown*

Kate Brown, Secretary of State