

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** An estimated 273,895 Oregon adults and 27,592 children have alcohol or other drug abuse issues and approximately 77,486 Oregonians are problem gamblers; and
- WHEREAS:** In Oregon alone the cost of untreated addiction is \$5.9 billion annually equaling approximately \$1600 per person. Every \$1 spent on addiction treatment saves \$12 in criminal justice and health care costs; and
- WHEREAS:** Addiction is a chronic, relapsing brain disease that can be successfully treated, like diabetes, asthma and other chronic conditions; and
- WHEREAS:** People with this chronic condition have the right to health care and support services that recognize their strengths and needs; and
- WHEREAS:** With accessible effective health care and support services thousands of Oregonians maintain recovery and strengthen the Oregon communities where we live, work and raise families.

NOW,


THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 2011** to be

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION
RECOVERY 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, August 3, 2011.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State