

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Native wildlife populations are an integral part of Oregon's natural environment, and serve as an indicator for the overall health of Oregon's statewide ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year in the U.S. more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads; and
- WHEREAS:** The average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is \$8.4 billion; and
- WHEREAS:** The success of wildlife movement and survival in Oregon remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and
- WHEREAS:** Wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists in Oregon.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 18-24, 2011** to be

WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE 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, March 8, 2011.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John A. Kitzhaber".

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown".

Kate Brown, Secretary of State