WHEREAS: Over 30% of Oregonians dispose of wastewater from their homes and businesses through the use of septic systems; and

WHEREAS: Septic systems can fail or malfunction, pollute Oregon's land and waterways with raw sewage and create public health hazards; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's onsite wastewater professionals have used their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, and regulation of onsite wastewater treatment and dispersal systems in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: By making efforts to educate the public about septic systems and onsite wastewater Oregonians can hope to achieve the highest possible standard of safe, sanitary and environmentally sound onsite wastewater service.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim September 22-26, 2014 to be

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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 25, 2014.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State