

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

- WHEREAS:** Through its parks, forests, refuges, and other public lands and waters, our great Northwest provides numerous opportunities for fun outdoor activities that provide numerous mental, physical, and social benefits for Oregon's children; and
- WHEREAS:** Children who spend frequent time outdoors experience an enhanced use of the senses, fewer attention difficulties and increased rates of physical fitness; and
- WHEREAS:** Spending frequent time outdoors helps children to learn, exercise, create meaningful memories and develop an environmental stewardship ethic; and
- WHEREAS:** The state of Oregon is committed to ensuring all children have the opportunity to connect with nature at an early age and to build upon that connection throughout their developing years by following a trail, going boating, camping out under the stars, learning to swim, walking barefoot on the beach, climbing trees, observing animals in their habitat, catching a fish, playing in a nearby park, and exploring Oregon's culture and history.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 27, 2010** to be

**OREGON CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS DAY**

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, September 24, 2010.



*Theodore R. Kulongoski*

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

*Kate Brown*

Kate Brown, Secretary of State