

STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Oregon's goal is to be a leader in building an environment in which all youth can thrive, by providing them with knowledge, skills, support and meaningful opportunities to participate in their communities; and

WHEREAS: Oregon Youth Action Researchers have documented young people's need for better access to sexual health services and for broader sexual health education that includes discussion of healthy relationships, sexual orientation, and stereotypical gender roles; and

WHEREAS: We value young people and trust in their capacity to make healthy decisions when provided information, taught skills, and given the support to do so; and

WHEREAS: Oregon is committed to helping parents and other adults talk honestly and openly with young people about sex; and

WHEREAS: Promoting good health saves Oregon millions of dollars in social and health services; and

WHEREAS: Oregon communities have acknowledged the importance of youth sexual health awareness activities; and

WHEREAS: The 2009 Youth Sexual Health Plan has been developed as a blueprint to assist communities in implementing a comprehensive approach to fostering youth sexual health; and

WHEREAS: We are committed to building upon what in the past has been recognized nationally and in Oregon as "Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Sexual Health Month."

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 2009 to be

YOUTH SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS 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, April 27, 2009.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore R. Kulongoski".

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Brown".

Kate Brown, Secretary of State