

STATE OF OREGON
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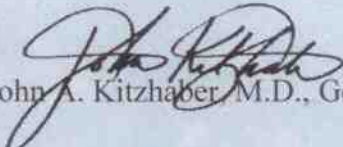
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's goal is to be a national leader in building environments in which all youth can thrive by providing the necessary physical, emotional, educational and social supports so they may meaningfully contribute to their communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Youth Sexual Health Plan of 2009 sets goals that youth use accurate information and well-developed skills to make thoughtful choices about relationships and sexual health; sexual health inequities are eliminated; and rates of unintended teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and non-consensual sexual behaviors are reduced; and
- WHEREAS:** We value young people and trust in their capacity to make healthy decisions when provided the information, skills, and support to do so by families and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of the Oregon Youth Sexual Health Partnership, a statewide collaboration of public and private partners, is to advance the comprehensive strategies of the Oregon Youth Sexual Health Plan at the state and local level; and
- WHEREAS:** Positive youth development aligns with prevention priorities of health care transformation and the triple aim of improving health and providing extraordinary care thus saving Oregon millions of dollars in preventable social and health services; 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, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2014** to be

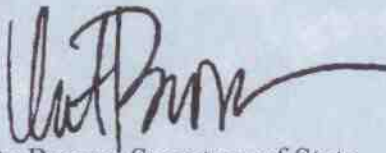
YOUTH SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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 11, 2014.


John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State