

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

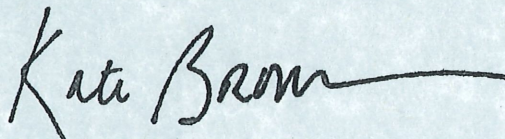
- WHEREAS:** Wildfires increasingly pose a threat to homes and communities throughout the West as more people move into the wildland areas of our state. Most of these fires are human caused; and
- WHEREAS:** This continuing growth of communities into the wildland-urban interface has elevated the need for wildfire prevention and preparedness at both the community and individual homeowner levels; and
- WHEREAS:** A long-term climate trend and the build-up of forest fuels have further increased the wildfire risk. These factors, coupled with the expansion of the wildland-urban interface, are challenging efforts to protect citizens, property and our natural resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Wildfires are an essential ecosystem process which cannot be eliminated from our landscapes. Therefore, coordinated education concerning how, where, and why wildfires burn, as well as collaborative efforts to increase durability of homes and property are paramount in co-existing in a fire environment; and
- WHEREAS:** The local, state and federal wildfire agencies of Oregon in partnership with fire prevention organizations in the state, are working together to increase awareness of wildfires.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2020** to be

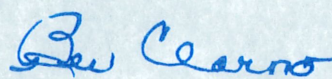
**WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH**

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, May 14, 2020.



Kate Brown, Governor



Bev Clarno, Secretary of State

