

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

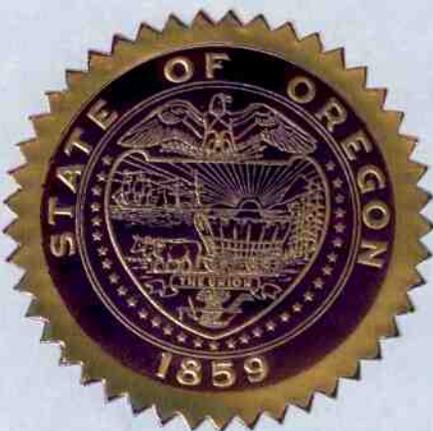
- WHEREAS:** The natural resources across the State of Oregon are both diverse and plentiful, spanning the Willamette Valley, Columbia River Gorge, Pacific Coast, High Desert, vast mountain wildernesses, abundant crop fields, and extensive range and grazing lands; and
- WHEREAS:** The air we breathe, the water we drink, the soil in which we grow our food, and the wildlife habitat that support the web of life all contribute to Oregon's quality of life and economic growth; and
- WHEREAS:** Since 1935, the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service has helped Oregon's agricultural producers and private landowners voluntarily protect the quality and quantity of the State's soil, water, air, plants and wildlife; and
- WHEREAS:** The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the State of Oregon have a longstanding partnership to promote sustainable agricultural practices, improve water resources, restore wetlands, enhance wildlife habitat, protect native grasslands, ensure healthy forests, and preserve farmland; and
- WHEREAS:** Ongoing commitment, innovation and partnership in voluntary, private lands conservation are critical to maintaining and improving Oregon's natural resources and way of life into the future; and
- WHEREAS:** April 27, 2010 is a historic milestone for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, which today celebrates 75 years of helping people help the land.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 26 – 30, 2010** to be

LEGACY OF PRIVATE LANDS CONSERVATION WEEK

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 20, 2010.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Secretary of State