

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon suffered considerable damage from two moderate earthquake events in 1993 and a distant tsunami from Alaska in 1964; and
- WHEREAS:** Scientific evidence indicates that the State of Oregon is at risk for much larger and potentially more damaging earthquakes and tsunamis; and
- WHEREAS:** A major earthquake associated with the Cascadia Subduction Zone is expected to generate strong ground shaking and a destructive tsunami, in which the most recent event of this type occurred on January 26, 1700 and will be similar to the event that occurred in the Indian Ocean off of the coast of Sumatra on December 26, 2004; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon enacted Laws in 1995 and 2001 that require schools, state and local agencies, and large private employers to instruct and drill students and employees on emergency procedures such as those related to earthquakes and tsunami; and
- WHEREAS:** Seismic strengthening of existing buildings and public education on local tsunami evacuation is strongly encouraged to further reduce loss of life and property damage; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon enacted laws in 2001 that require schools and emergency facilities to meet seismic life safety standards, and in 2005 enacted laws that will provide state funds to help mitigate high risk schools and emergency facilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Emergency management agencies will highlight these preparedness and mitigation procedures and provide increased earthquake and tsunami information to Oregonians during April.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2007** to be

EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI 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, March 19, 2007.

Theodore R. Kulongoski

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury
Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State