

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The warm weather activities of hunting, walking, running, hiking, camping, fishing, golfing, gardening and outdoor entertainment put Oregon citizens in closer contact with grassy and wooded areas that may be inhabited or infested by ticks which are carried by both wildlife and domestic animals; and
- WHEREAS:** Tick bites can transmit serious and potentially fatal diseases such as Lyme disease, Babesiosis, Bartonellosis, Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, Tularemia, tick-borne spotted fever and rickettsial infections, resulting in fever, rash or flu-like symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** The rate of infection in Oregon for Lyme disease could be at least 10 times the officially-recorded surveillance rate of 40-50 cases per year and recognizing that veterinary data, normalized against the rest of the country, indicates the human caseload could be as high as 800 new cases per year, and;
- WHEREAS:** The best protections against tick-borne diseases are prevention and education, use of insect repellent, performance of periodic tick checks, showering and drying clothes for 15 minutes immediately after coming in from the outdoors, proper removal of embedded ticks and adequate antibiotic therapy, and;
- WHEREAS:** Lyme disease, when not quickly and properly diagnosed or treated, may affect the brain, heart, joints and other body organs and it may mimic many other diseases, making proper diagnosis more difficult, and it may become fatal, and;

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2015** to be

LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASES 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 11, 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown".

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne P. Atkins".

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State