

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Warm weather increases outdoor activities, and Oregonians work and recreate in our woods, fields and open areas that may be inhabited or infested by ticks carried by wildlife, birds, and domestic animals; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Lyme Disease Network has provided 16 years of advocacy for patients and has seen alarming numbers of patients seeking support; and
- WHEREAS:** The rate of infection of Lyme disease in Oregon could be as high as 800 new cases per year; and
- WHEREAS:** Ticks can transmit serious and potentially fatal diseases such as Lyme disease, Babesiosis, Bartonellosis, Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, Tularemia, and rickettsial infections; and
- WHEREAS:** Lyme disease, when not properly diagnosed or treated, may affect the brain, heart, joints and other organs and mimic many other diseases, making proper diagnosis more difficult; and
- WHEREAS:** New science and testing guidelines have been released from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality National Guidelines clearinghouse regarding Lyme and tick-borne diseases, and citizens and medical providers are encouraged to take all tick-borne diseases seriously; and
- WHEREAS:** The best protections against tick-borne diseases are prevention, education and early treatment.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2017** 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, March 27, 2017.



Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson
Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State