

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

- WHEREAS:** Head Start in the State of Oregon is now in its 46<sup>th</sup> year of success in meeting the needs of low-income children and their families and this is the second year of state funding for the Early Head Start Program; and
- WHEREAS:** The Head Start program has established itself as the foremost early childhood development program in the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Since its inception in May 1965, Head Start has provided health, educational, and social services to more than 20 million children and their families in every U.S. state and territory; and
- WHEREAS:** To achieve its goals, Head Start provides not only for the educational and exceptional needs of the children, but also for their social, psychological, health, and nutritional requirements; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition to focusing on the needs of children, Head Start involves the parents in decision making through its Policy Councils; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1987, Oregon established the state-funded Oregon Pre-Kindergarten Program, modeled after the successful federal Head Start program.


**NOW,**  
**THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 1 – 5, 2011** to be

**HEAD START AWARENESS 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, October 4, 2011.



  
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State