

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Cervical cancer is the second-most common cause of death from cancer in women across the world, with virtually all cases linked to genital infection with the human papillomavirus (HPV); and
- WHEREAS:** The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates 12,710 women in the United States will be diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2011, with 4,290 deaths from cervical cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** On average, more than 125 Oregon women are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer and 50 die from the disease each year; and
- WHEREAS:** Despite public awareness campaigns emphasizing the need for yearly Pap tests, many older women forgo testing unless they have gynecologic problems; and
- WHEREAS:** Between 1955 and 1992, the national cervical cancer death rate declined by almost 70%, primarily due to the increased use of the Pap test, which can find changes in the cervix before cancer develops. It can also find cervical cancer early -- in its most curable stage; and
- WHEREAS:** To remember those who have died from and support those living with cervical cancer, Oregon stands with communities across the nation in recognizing the need to promote cervical cancer awareness, prevention and screening.

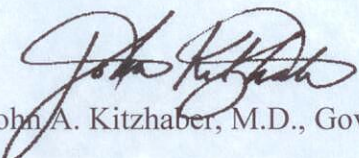
**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **January 2012** to be

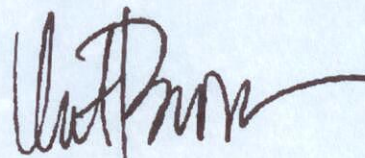
CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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, December 15, 2011.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State