

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

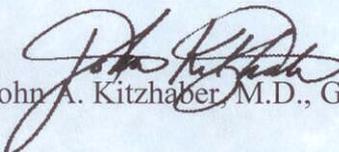
- WHEREAS:** The 1850 Oregon Donation Act initiated homesteading in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** The Homestead Act of 1862 is one of the most significant laws in the history of the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon includes 62,926 patented homesteads that cover more than 10.5 million acres, which is 17 percent of the land in the state; and
- WHEREAS:** This homesteading has forever changed the environment and culture of the state; and
- WHEREAS:** The food grown on these homesteads fed Oregon's towns and cities and made agriculture the foundation of Oregon's economy; and
- WHEREAS:** The people living on these homesteads created schools and cities in all parts of the state; and
- WHEREAS:** The United States Bureau of Land Management is observing this year the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Homestead Act.
- NOW,**  
**THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **June 7, 2012** to be

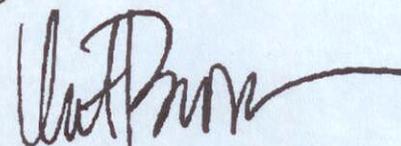
**HOMESTEADING DAY IN OREGON**

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 30, 2012.



  
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State