

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

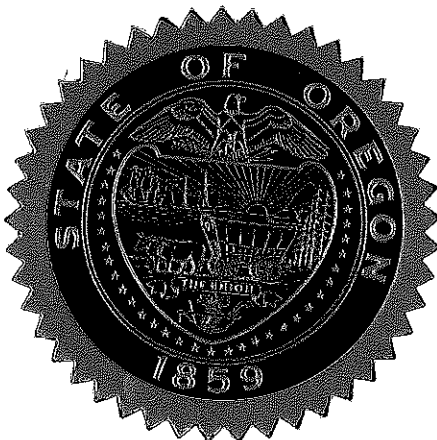
- WHEREAS:** Oregon has regularly dealt with the presence of unwanted noxious weeds that are not native to the state and that by their invasive nature pose a genuine danger to the well-being of the state; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon farmers, commercial greenhouse and nursery owners, ranchers, recreational groups, government, and industry clearly acknowledge the economic and environmental dangers posed to their continued economic and social well-being by the presence of invasive weeds; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon farmers, ranchers, government, private sector entities, state agencies, and conservation groups unanimously support implementation of integrated weed management; and
- WHEREAS:** Weed Awareness Week is recognized nationally during the last week in February; and
- WHEREAS:** The economic impact of just 21 weeds in Oregon has been estimated to reduce Oregonian's personal income by \$83 million per year, which is equivalent to 3,329 jobs lost to Oregon's economy; and
- WHEREAS:** The potential impacts of continued spread of just six noxious weeds could reduce Oregonian's personal income by an additional \$54 million and result in the loss of another 2,143 jobs; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Invasive Species Council, along with the Oregon State Noxious Weed Board, is implementing a public awareness campaign to help educate Oregon citizens about the economic and environmental impacts of invasive weeds and other invasive species.

**NOW,**  
**THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 17-23, 2009** to be

**OREGON INVASIVE WEED 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, March 23, 2009.



*Theodore R. Kulongoski*  
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

*Kate Brown*  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State