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JOHN A. KITZHABER, MD
Governor

To all Residents of and Visitors to the State of Oregon:


The Office of the Governor is proud to support the 2012 **“Great Oregon ShakeOut,”** a statewide Drop, Cover and Hold On earthquake drill to be held on October 18, 2012, at 10:18 a.m. All Oregonians—individuals and families, schools, organizations, businesses and government—have a vital role in the emergency preparedness essential to maintain the lifestyles and livelihoods we enjoy here in Oregon. Earthquakes, and the expected 9.0 Mw Cascadia Subduction Zone in particular, represent a potentially catastrophic threat to our state and communities.

I encourage you to participate in the statewide Drop, Cover and Hold On drill, the **“Great Oregon Shakeout,”** on October 18, 2012, at 10:18 a.m. The **“Great Oregon Shakeout”** is designed to provide a sense of urgency about Cascadia earthquakes and to encourage individuals, organizations and schools and communities to get prepared, to practice what to do to be safe and to learn what plans need to be improved.

By participating in the **“Great Oregon Shakeout,”** you will have the unique opportunity to partner with statewide emergency managers, scientists and community leaders to develop your own preparedness strategy and learn how to prepare, protect and recover from any disaster—including the inevitable Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.

Please join us by registering today at www.shakeout.org/oregon and commit to participating in the **“Great Oregon Shakeout.”** The Oregon Office of Emergency Management is the lead agency in the drill. Please contact Althea Rizzo, Geologic Hazards Program Coordinator, at 503-378-2911 for more information.

Sincerely,



John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor