WHEREAS: The State of Oregon has no greater responsibility than ensuring the safety of its citizens and all those who visit our state; and

WHEREAS: Earthquake safety is a serious concern with much of our state at risk to seismic shaking and tsunami hazards; and

WHEREAS: The best way to survive a natural disaster is to develop a preparedness plan for your school, business, home and family; and

WHEREAS: Knowledgeable and prepared citizens and officials will help our communities survive, respond to, and recover from the social, physical and economic effects of earthquakes and tsunamis; and

WHEREAS: A disaster kit and plan can be vital after a natural disaster as well as knowledge about what to do when disasters occur. The Great Shakeout Day encourages all citizens to participate in earthquake drills where they practice “Drop, Cover and Hold On.”

NOW, THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 17, 2013 to be

THE GREAT SHAKEOUT DAY

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 10, 2013.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State