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Fellow Oregonians:

The Public Health Division applauds Governor Kate Brown's proclamation declaring October 20, 2016, The Great Oregon ShakeOut Day. The Public Health Division will mark its own support for the Governor's proclamation and The Great Oregon ShakeOut by conducting a "Drop, Cover, and Hold-on" earthquake drill on October 20, 2016. By doing so, we support Oregonians in strengthening the resiliency of our state.

Major earthquakes, and tsunamis that may result from earthquakes, pose significant threats to our state. Such events can result in loss of life and property, and could negatively affect individuals' physical and mental health. Practicing preparedness helps limit the effects of earthquakes.

Public Health Division employees and visitors are encouraged to participate in The Great Oregon ShakeOut "Drop, Cover, and Hold-on" earthquake drill at each of our sites on October 20 at 10:20 a.m. This earthquake drill is an opportunity to discuss, practice and hone our earthquake preparedness plans and activities.

Oregonians are encouraged to participate in The Great Oregon ShakeOut from wherever they might be. Interested Oregonians can find more about how to participate at <http://www.shakeout.org/oregon>. Oregon's resiliency rests on the level of preparedness that each Oregonian has. The more prepared we are as individuals, the more resilient our communities and state will be.

I support participation in The Great Oregon ShakeOut drill. I support taking time to ensure our agency's employees prepare for emergencies. I support proactive actions that minimize the loss of lives, property and health during a major earthquake. I support building safer and more resilient communities.

Sincerely,

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