WHEREAS: Oregon first responders, both career and volunteer, include law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, 911 dispatchers, and search and rescue personnel who bravely and selflessly risk their lives every day to protect Oregon families, visitors, and businesses; and

WHEREAS: Oregon first responders do not hesitate to risk their own lives in order to save the lives of others, and their commitment to continued training, skill enhancement, and interagency cooperation make them prepared to serve, protect, and rescue our citizens 24 hours per day, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS: Oregon first responders are a vital part of every community, maintaining safety and order in times of crisis, and volunteering in our schools and community organizations; and

WHEREAS: Acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens provide first responders needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim September 21-27, 2016 to be

FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION 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, September 14, 2016.

Kate Brown, Governor

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State