WHEREAS: Geology and the other earth sciences are fundamental to the safety, health and welfare of Oregonians and to the economy of Oregon; and

WHEREAS: The earth sciences are integral to locating, developing and conserving mineral, energy and water resources needed for Oregon's continuing prosperity; and

WHEREAS: The earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions, coastal erosion and tsunami experienced from time to time in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: The earth sciences are crucial to understanding and managing environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal and mined land regulation and reclamation in a manner that supports Oregon's economy, communities, natural resources and quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Geological factors of resources, hazards and the environment are vital to land management and land use decisions made in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: The earth sciences contribute critical data to our understanding of, and respect for, Oregon's heritage and natural systems.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 11-17, 2015 to be

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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 1, 2015.

Kate Brown, Governor

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State