

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Oregon have been in existence since 1940; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's 46 Soil and Water Conservation Districts locally elected directors and staff have provided exemplary leadership in implementing natural resource conservation programs across the state; and
- WHEREAS:** Soil and Water Conservation Districts have a long history of being on the leading edge of providing technical assistance and finding financial aid to implement best conservation practices to private land owners; and
- WHEREAS:** Soil and Water Conservation Districts have led the way in developing much of the on farm infrastructure for Oregon's irrigated agriculture; and
- WHEREAS:** Soil and Water Conservation Districts are working with private land owners, state and federal agencies, and interested organizations to protect habitats for threatened and endangered aquatic and terrestrial species; and
- WHEREAS:** Soil and Water Conservation Districts are continually searching for ways to implement the best scientific and technological solutions to protect and enhance Oregon's natural resources while protecting and maintaining local economies; and
- WHEREAS:** Soil and Water Conservation District's 300 elected directors, 200 employees, and countless volunteers continue to protect Oregon's natural environment, maintain viable local economies, and protect Oregon's overall quality of life.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 1 – November 7, 2009** to be

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 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, October 15, 2009.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Secretary of State