

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Our children are the future of Oregon, and parents are their most important role models; and
- WHEREAS:** Brain research tells us that the quality of parenting affects a child's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development; and good parenting is not instinctive, it is learned; and
- WHEREAS:** Parent education honors the important work that parents do, helping them gain skills and strategies, as well as realistic expectations for themselves and their child; and
- WHEREAS:** Parent education helps parents learn how to best support their child's growth and development to help promote their child's success in school and life; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon promotes the importance and value of parenting education to the public; and
- WHEREAS:** An enhanced awareness of the value of parenting education could provide an additional key to ensuring a strong future for the youngest citizens of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Improved knowledge of parenting will promote loving and skilled parents, helping ensure the well-being of children.
- NOW,**
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 24-30, 2011** to be

PARENTING EDUCATION AWARENESS 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, March 22, 2011.



John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State