

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Oregon has long worked to prevent and control noxious weeds that are not native to the state, and that by their invasive nature, pose a threat by impacting Oregon's communities and resources; and

WHEREAS: Oregon farmers, ranchers, nursery growers, recreational groups, and public and private land managers clearly acknowledge the negative economic and environmental impacts posed by the presence and spread of invasive weeds; and

WHEREAS: Oregon farmers, ranchers, conservation groups, and public and private entities, unanimously support implementation of integrated weed management projects to protect Oregon's natural resources and economy; and

WHEREAS: The latest studies available indicate that the economic impact of just 25 noxious weeds in Oregon is estimated to reduce Oregonian's personal income by \$83.5 million per year, which is equivalent to 1,900 jobs lost to Oregon's economy.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 13-19, 2018** to be

OREGON INVASIVE WEED 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, May 7, 2018.



Kate Brown, Governor



Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State

