

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Abraham Lincoln embodies the essence of the American spirit, believing that all Americans are created equal, guided his country through a period of civil war to a resolution "with malice toward none and charity for all"; and
- WHEREAS:** Abraham Lincoln helped to end centuries of slavery in the United States by issuing the Emancipation Proclamation and through his efforts to assure passage of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS:** Abraham Lincoln in achieving these ends displayed an uncommon sense of purpose both personally and politically, to help establish for his country a second American Revolution; and
- WHEREAS:** President Lincoln contributed to Oregon's development by his support for the Homestead Act, the establishment of Land Grant Colleges and the launching of a Transcontinental Railway; and
- WHEREAS:** To assist in a national celebration honoring the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, a group of Oregonians have formed the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission who will stage a series of educational events to create a lasting legacy of Lincoln.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **February 12, 2008 – February 12, 2010** to be

OREGON LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL YEARS

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, January 28, 2008.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury
Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State