WHEREAS: Oregon strives to be a national leader in building environments in which all youth can thrive. By providing the necessary physical, emotional, educational and social supports, we increase the chance our youth will contribute to their communities in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS: The Oregon Youth Sexual Health Plan of 2009 sets goals that youth use accurate information and well-developed skills to make thoughtful choices about relationships and sexual health; sexual health inequities are eliminated; and rates of unintended teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and non-consensual sexual behaviors are reduced; and

WHEREAS: We value young people and trust in their capacity to make healthy decisions when provided the information, skills, and support to do so by families and communities; and

WHEREAS: The mission of the Oregon Youth Sexual Health Partnership, a statewide collaboration of public and private partners, is to advance the comprehensive strategies of the Oregon Youth Sexual Health Plan at the state and local level; and

WHEREAS: Positive youth development aligns with prevention priorities of health care transformation and the triple aim of improving health and providing extraordinary care thus saving Oregon millions of dollars in preventable social and health services; and

WHEREAS: We are committed to building upon what in the past has been recognized nationally and in Oregon as “Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Sexual Health Month.”

NOW, THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 2013 to be

YOUTH SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
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 25, 2013.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State