

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OREGON



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The harvest season is traditionally a time to give thanks for the food we eat, for our families and friends and for our beautiful environment; and
- WHEREAS:** Many of our fellow Oregonians – our children, our senior citizens, our disabled, our working poor, do not share in the bounty of the harvest; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon ranks as one of the top state's in the nation for hunger; and
- WHEREAS:** The number of people who turn to emergency food to feed their hungry families continues to grow; and
- WHEREAS:** Children, the most vulnerable in our community, need good nutrition every day to learn and to become strong future leaders of our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians have a proud reputation of coming together to solve tough problems to build a better future, and
- WHEREAS:** One person alone can't fight hunger; and
- WHEREAS:** We can eliminate hunger if we all work together -- government, business, nonprofits, faith community and every individual.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Governor Ted Kulongoski, proclaim October 12 - 18, 2003, as:

OREGON HARVEST WEEK

I challenge every Oregonian to join in the fight against hunger by taking one positive action this week to help feed the hungry.

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 10, 2003.



Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State