

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon and our nation have a growing health care crisis, the cost of which is having a profound impact on our state and national budgets; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon has a goal to produce healthy citizens rather than simply financing and delivering health care; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon has one of the highest sales rates for prescription opioid narcotics and spinal surgeries per capita in the nation; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon Evidence-based Low Back Pain Management Guidelines recommend spinal manipulation as the only drug-free treatment for acute, subacute, and chronic low back pain; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's 1,500 licensed Doctors of Chiropractic are primary care providers specializing in spinal manipulation but also on health promotion and wellness; and
- WHEREAS:** A seven-year prospective follow-up study analyzing 70,274 member-months of patients managed by doctors of chiropractic resulted in an 85% reduction in drug costs, 62% reduction in MRIs and surgeries, 60.2% reduction of, in-hospital admissions, and a 59% reduction in hospital days; and
- WHEREAS:** Services of Doctors of Chiropractic result in improved health, satisfaction, safety and reduced per capita costs.

NOW,


THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2014** to be

OREGON CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS 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, August 25, 2014.


John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State