

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Polish heritage, culture and art embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind which enhance and enrich the lives of every American; and
- WHEREAS:** Polish heritage and culture plays a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities and our country; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout history famous Polish scientists, artists, and leaders such as Fredric Chopin, Nicolaus Copernicus, Maria Curie-Sklodowska, Jan Czochralski, Tadeusz Kosciuszko, Pola Negri, John Paul II and many more, have shaped the world; and
- WHEREAS:** Today Polish-American Oregonians such as Malgorzata Chrzanowska-Jeske, Agnieszka Laska, Jerzy Kolinski, Edward Korfanty, Marek Perkowski, Marek Stepien, Jerzy Szumowski, Donata Tiley and many others, are shaping international science, culture, sports and our local communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Polish Festival coordinators, pastors of the St. Stanislaus Church, presidents of the Polish Library Building Association, dedicated volunteers, performers and visitors worked to shape the annual Polish Festival, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary.
- NOW,**
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 21-22, 2013** to be

OREGON POLISH CULTURE WEEKEND

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, July 30, 2013.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State