STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: The world is facing the most significant health crisis in modern history due to COVID-19, which has also caused a global economic downturn, impacting people and their ability to access health insurance; and,

WHEREAS: Oregon families have experienced devastating social, economic, and health consequences as a result of the 2020 wildfires; and,

WHEREAS: Affordable, quality health insurance coverage ensures access to care and makes a material difference in the health and well-being of Oregonians; and

WHEREAS: Access to health insurance is important because those without coverage are less likely to see a doctor when they become ill or for treatment of a chronic condition and forgo necessary care until their condition becomes intolerable; and,

WHEREAS: The Affordable Care Act, which ensures critical consumer protections and expands coverage to millions of Americans, is instrumental in dramatically reducing the number of uninsured Americans from 46.8 million in 2010 to 29.2 million in 2019; and, 651,500 to 299,400 in Oregon, respectively."

WHEREAS: The Oregon Health Insurance Exchange, established under the Affordable Care Act, provides access to affordable, quality coverage and care to Oregonians, which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic and aftermath of the 2020 wildfires and their resulting social and economic devastation.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim December 10, 2020 to be

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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, December 1, 2020

Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

Bev Clarno

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State