

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon imports 100% of oil and natural gas and generates 49% of electricity from fossil fuels, and;
- WHEREAS:** In recent years retail electricity rates have risen by more than 30% in Oregon and costs for heating oil, on-highway diesel and regular gasoline have seen similar increases. Natural gas rates have skyrocketed, with retail costs climbing 94%, and;
- WHEREAS:** Annually, Oregonians spend nearly \$10 billion on energy with 85% of that money leaving the state, and;
- WHEREAS:** Oregon has experienced global climate change. Prolonged drought, reduced snow pack and decreased river flows is leading to more disease in forests, crises in our salmon fisheries and water shortages for farmers, and;
- WHEREAS:** Oregon is becoming a leader in the emerging sustainable energy economy, with an unparalleled diversity of renewable energy resources including wind, wave, solar, geothermal, tidal and biomass and biofuel, and;
- WHEREAS:** Oregon is already home to over 200 clean energy companies, and;
- WHEREAS:** In the 2007 Legislative Session, Governor Kulongoski signed into law a Renewable Portfolio Standard for electricity and a renewable fuel standard for gasoline and diesel fuel, and;
- WHEREAS:** Oregon is harnessing renewable energy resources to become more energy independent and to become a world leader in sustainable energy development.

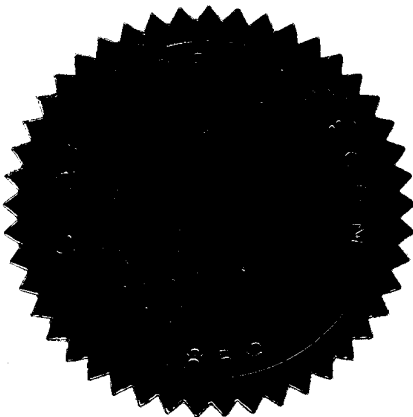
**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim July 2007 to be

**ENERGY INDEPENDENCE 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, July 2, 2007.



*Theodore R. Kulongoski*

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

*Bill Bradbury*

Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State