

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon recognizes the 100th birthday of the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps (NOAA Corps); and
- WHEREAS:** On May 22, 1917, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Commissioned Corps — the forerunner to the NOAA Corps — was created to provide officers to command U.S. coastal survey ships and field survey parties domestically and abroad; and
- WHEREAS:** The NOAA Corps' heritage is closely tied to the Survey of the Coast, America's oldest scientific and technical agency, which was established by President Thomas Jefferson and the U.S. Congress in 1807; and
- WHEREAS:** On October 3, 1970, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was created and its officers became members of the NOAA Corps; and
- WHEREAS:** For the past 100 years, the NOAA Corps' core mission has been to collect data at sea and in the air to inform decisions that have great impact on the nation; and
- WHEREAS:** Since 1960, NOAA Corps officers and their predecessors have flown into 292 tropical cyclones, risking their lives to advance the science needed to protect and sustain our nation's coastal communities; and
- WHEREAS:** NOAA began a special 20-year relationship with the State of Oregon, the City of Newport and the Port of Newport to relocate the NOAA Marine Operations Center of the Pacific in 2012; and
- WHEREAS:** The NOAA Corps provides important research leadership for the nation; and
- WHEREAS:** NOAA Corps officers live and serve by the motto "Honor, Respect, Commitment"; and
- WHEREAS:** No matter the cause, location, or magnitude of future hurricanes, the nation can rely on NOAA Corps officers to fly into the storms and carry out the missions entrusted to them; and

NOW,

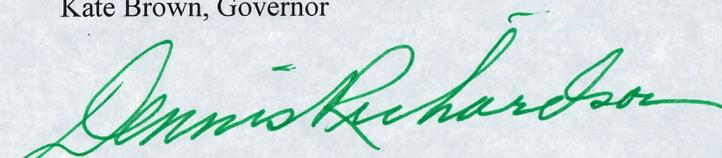
THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 22, 2017** to be

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NOAA COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS

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, April 28, 2017.


Kate Brown, Governor


Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State

