

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

- WHEREAS:** On October 1, 2009, more than 1.3 billion Chinese people and friends of China will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China; and
- WHEREAS:** From September through October, 2009, Oregon Chinese community and friends of China will host a variety of community events to celebrate China's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and
- WHEREAS:** This year is the Sesquicentennial for Oregon and Chinese immigrants have made historical contributions to Oregon's economic and cultural diversity, and new Chinese immigrants continue that tradition; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon-Fujian Sister State Association will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Oregon-Fujian friendly relations, and the Joint Committee on Fujian Sister State is the only statutory committee in the US promoting the Sister State relation; and
- WHEREAS:** China is now one of Oregon's top three export markets; and the first China-US Center for Sustainable Development was established in 1999 in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** In the NW USA, the First Confucius Institute at Portland State University was established in 2007 and U.S. Basketball Academy has trained many Chinese basketball players such as Yao Ming; and
- WHEREAS:** Portland and Suzhou had established sister city relations in 1988, and Portland Classical Chinese Garden was built in 2000 with authentic Suzhou artisan contributions; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, we join with the Chinese community in Oregon and Chinese people all over the world to celebrate China's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Chinese historical contributions to Oregon.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 2009** to be

**OREGON-CHINA CELEBRATION 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, September 10, 2009.



Handwritten signature of Theodore R. Kulongoski in black ink.

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Handwritten signature of Kate Brown in black ink.

Kate Brown, Secretary of State