

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** All children deserve to be healthy; and
- WHEREAS:** Better physical and mental health leads to better academic achievement; and
- WHEREAS:** For 26 years, school-based health centers have provided quality affordable, accessible health care to children in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** School-based health care includes quality primary health care, prevention messages, health education and mental health services; and
- WHEREAS:** Research has shown that school-based health centers encourage the use of more appropriate health care services, improve children's health status, save money on care for children in rural areas and on hospitalizations and emergency room visits for children with asthma, help minority children get more care, increase mental health care for children, support working parents, keep children in school and ready to learn; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon School-Based Health Care Network is committed to promoting the health and academic success of children and youth by building public policy support, engaging local communities and strengthening school-based health services.

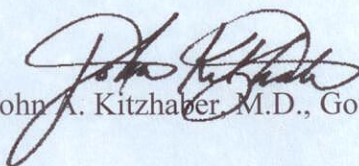
NOW,
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **February 2012** to be

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE AWARENESS 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, December 23, 2011.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State