

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** A world without abuse and violence is a dream we all share; and
- WHEREAS:** Any form of mistreatment of another is abuse and all people have the moral and legal right to live free of abuse and violence; and
- WHEREAS:** Respect for ourselves and others is key to developing healthy relationships; and each of us must come to understand that it is in our personal power to choose not to use abuse and/or violence to resolve conflict; and
- WHEREAS:** We, together with communities around the country and world, recognize the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project's Pledge is an effective tool in abuse and violence prevention education; and
- WHEREAS:** Hands & Words Are Not for Hurting Project asks Oregonians to unite as a family, community, and state by pledging: "I WILL NOT USE MY HANDS OR MY WORDS FOR HURTING MYSELF OR OTHERS."
- NOW,**
THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 18 – 24, 2015** to be the 18th Annual National

HANDS & WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING WEEK

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, October 19, 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown".

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne P. Atkins".

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State