

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuge will celebrate its centennial on October 14, 2007; and
- WHEREAS:** The centennial will recognize the Refuge's importance to breeding seabirds and sea lions; and
- WHEREAS:** The need to designate Three Arch Rocks as a protected wildlife area was first brought to President Theodore Roosevelt's attention by two pioneer conservationists from Oregon, William L. Finley and Herman Bohlman. During their expeditions they witnessed a tugboat filled with target shooters circling the rocks shooting Sea Lions and blasting seabirds for sport; and
- WHEREAS:** Finley traveled to Washington, D.C. for a personal meeting with the President and showed photographs of the wild animals on the Pacific Coast; and
- WHEREAS:** President Roosevelt found the photos so compelling that he decided to make a sanctuary out of Three Arch Rocks, and four years later, Three Arch Rocks became the first Refuge west of the Mississippi River. Finally, shooting of seabirds and marine mammals on the rocks ceased; and
- WHEREAS:** Today Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuge provides habitat for Oregon's largest breeding colonies of Tufted Puffins and Common Murre; and
- WHEREAS:** The refuge is one of the smallest designated Wilderness Areas in the country providing 15 acres of habitat for over 100,000 nesting seabirds; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon has long heeded the call to preserve its natural heritage of forests, rivers and wildlife.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 14, 2007** to be

Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuge Day

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 5, 2007.

Theodore R. Kulongoski

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury

Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State