

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OREGON



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: An acid ball at the south end of Salem's Riverfront Park was no longer in use in the pulp-making process and became a public eyesore.

WHEREAS: Roger Gertenrich, former Salem mayor, opened discussions and spearheaded further efforts in 1997 to convert the ball into a work of art, gaining the support of city officials and both the arts and business communities.

WHEREAS: Supporters formed a team and later a board of directors in 1999 to oversee the construction of the Eco-Earth as globe of the world, serving as both a sculpture and a teaching tool.

WHEREAS: Volunteers, who included 125 students, spent more than 30,000 hours in the next four years designing, creating and covering the ball with 86,155 tiles making up the continents, islands, seas and oceans of the world along with 720 flags and 192 larger icons depicting wildlife, cultures, religions, historic events, technology and mythical creatures.

WHEREAS: The Eco-Earth board plans an unveiling ceremony June 28 to turn over the globe to the city of Salem.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim June 28, 2003 to be

Eco-Earth 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, June 5, 2003.



Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State