

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

**WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon takes great pride in its rich diversity of cultures and languages as well as the impressive and invaluable contributions made by its citizenry to the State's programs, prosperity and well-being; and

**WHEREAS:** Language access is a social determinate of good health; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon is a national leader in health system transformation which includes the provision of qualified and certified health care interpreters; and

**WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon, Oregon Health Authority and the Office of Equity and Inclusion have promoted access to linguistically appropriate health care to ensure safety and health to all Oregonians by establishing a system for the certification of health care interpreters, tested in six languages; and

**WHEREAS:** The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation has recognized the State of Oregon for its leadership in language access and its work in equity for its culturally diverse citizenry by approving a State Innovation Grant to assist in the certification of 150 health care interpreters in Oregon to advance the healthcare of all Oregonians.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim  
**April 29-May 5, 2013** to be

**LANGUAGE ACCESS AND HEALTH EQUITY 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, March 18, 2013.



  
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

  
Kate Brown, Secretary of State

OREGON IS  
THE HOME OF  
**138**  
LANGUAGES!



Celebrate Oregon Language Access  
and Health Equity Week

**APRIL 29 – MAY 5, 2013**  
**COME JOIN US!**

**Tuesday, April 30, 2013, Portland**

Grand Rounds Presentation by Dr. David Cardona  
Language Access and Health Equity in Oregon  
1-3 pm, Portland State Office Building  
800 NE Oregon, Conference Room 1D

**Friday, May 3, 2013, Portland**

7th Annual National Medical Interpreters Certification Forum  
Registration and information:  
[www.imiaweb.org/conferences/may.asp](http://www.imiaweb.org/conferences/may.asp)

**Saturday and Sunday, May 4–5, 2013, Portland**

International Medical Interpreters Association Boot Camp training  
Registration and information:  
[www.imiaweb.org/uploads/pages/663\\_4..pdf](http://www.imiaweb.org/uploads/pages/663_4..pdf)

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