

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OREGON



PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Wilbur and Orville Wright, who were by trade printers and bicycle builders who believed in themselves, and applied their superb, self-trained knowledge of engineering to develop a series of experiments based on their persistent vision of human flight, and

**WHEREAS:** On December 17, 1903, at 10:35 a.m., the brothers succeeded in making the first sustained, powered flight under the control of a human pilot in the dunes near Kitty Hawk on the North Carolina coast, and

**WHEREAS:** The invention of the airplane revolutionized both travel and commerce, redefined the way the United States fought its wars, fueled sweeping technological change across the world, and forever expanded our vision of the possible, and

**WHEREAS:** The United States Congress created the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission in 1998 to expand both national and international interest in this historic anniversary, and

**WHEREAS:** The Wright Brothers' legacy embodies fundamental traits consistent with Oregon's pioneers: persistence on the path toward their dream, despite injury, setbacks, frustration and disappointments, to ultimately achieve the euphoria of discovery, and

**WHEREAS:** The history of Orville and Wilbur Wright holds supreme examples of values still held by Oregonians today, as we embark upon the 21st Century: vision, teamwork, inventiveness, determination, ambition, courage and the need for a challenge, and

**WHEREAS:** Milton Wright, father of the Wright Brothers, served as missionary to Oregon, becoming the first president of Sublimity College, and

**WHEREAS:** The 1987 Legislature adopted the Oregon State Motto of 'She Flies With Her Own Wings,' a phrase that originated with Judge Jessie Quinn Thornton and appeared on the territorial seal for the Oregon Territory,

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim December 17, 2003 to be


**The Centennial of Powered Flight**

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, July 29, 2003.



  
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

  
Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State