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Governor proclaims September 24th “U.S. Marshals Day” in Oregon

Portland, OR- September 15th, 2009 Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski signed a Proclamation proclaiming September 24th to be “U.S. Marshals Day” in Oregon and encouraged all Oregonians to join in this observance.

The U.S. Marshals Service was established on September 24, 1789, when President George Washington signed the Judiciary Act into law. The Service has grown from the 13 original U.S. Marshals to a force of 4,700 dedicated employees carrying out missions as varied as apprehending fugitives, housing and transporting prisoners, protecting witnesses and federal judges, and managing and selling seized assets. The Proclamation recognizes the U.S. Marshals’ 220 years of dedicated service. “U.S. Marshals Day’ underscores the rich history and mission of the Marshals Service in meeting the security challenges facing the state and nation today. It also affords the opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment

of our Marshals Service employees that carry out their duties with little fanfare and make a positive difference every day”, said Dennis C. Merrill, U.S. Marshal for the District of Oregon.

U.S. Marshals take pride in working with local and state agencies, giving rise to the U.S. Marshals Oregon Fugitive Task Force (OFTF). The OFTF is a full-time task force comprised of investigators from the U.S. Marshals Service and multiple state and local agencies working together to bring Oregon’s violent fugitives to justice.

The investigative and apprehension expertise showcased by the Marshals Service made it the natural choice of Congress to enforce the “Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act”, which protects America’s children and families. Since the passage of the Act in March 2008, Marshals have opened more than 1,300 cases for violation of the Act and arrested more than 240 individuals nationally for violating its provisions.

The U.S. Marshals Service may be the oldest federal law enforcement agency, but it is ever mindful that “longevity does not breed success; success breeds longevity.” The professionalism and commitment of the men and women who make up the U.S. Marshals Service have earned our agency a reputation second to none.

The U.S. Marshals Oregon Fugitive Task Force is comprised of investigators from the U.S. Marshals Service, Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Portland Police Bureau, Oregon State Police, Multnomah County Probation

& Parole, Clackamas County Probation & Parole, and the Oregon National Guard. For more information you can go to www.usmarshals.gov.