

# ***P**ROCLAMATION*

***W** **HEREAS:** Oregon is particularly vulnerable to fossil fuel dependence because we import 100% of both our oil and natural gas and generate 49% of our electricity from fossil fuels; and,*

***W** **HEREAS:** There is a consensus in the scientific community that we are entering a period of rapid and dramatic global warming and climate change, and that human dependence on fossil fuels for energy is a significant driver of this change; and,*

***W** **HEREAS:** Oregon is particularly vulnerable to global climate change. Prolonged drought, reduced snow pack and decreased river flows are leading to more disease in forests, crises in our salmon fisheries and water shortages for farmers. Mountain and water-based outdoor recreation industries are also at jeopardy; and,*

***W** **HEREAS:** Oregon is uniquely positioned to become a leader in the emerging sustainable energy economy. Central Oregon, in particular, has substantial solar, biomass and geothermal resources and has a strong cluster of renewable energy companies, with several located in Bend; and,*

***W** **HEREAS:** The State of Oregon is committed to harnessing our renewable energy resources to become more energy independent and local communities play an important role in making this commitment reality.*

***N** **OW, THEREFORE:** I, Bruce Abernethy, Mayor of the City of Bend, Oregon, hereby proclaim the month of July to be*

## ***Energy Independence Month in Bend***

*and encourage all of Bend's citizens and businesses to join in this observance.*

*Mayor Bruce Abernethy  
July 2, 2007*

*Attest:*

*City Recorder*