

# Senate Joint Resolution 15

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI

## SUMMARY

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Declares President Abraham Lincoln as Honorary Territorial Governor for February 12, 2009.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Abraham Lincoln embodied the essence of the American spirit by guiding this country  
3 through a period that preserved this nation and planning for peace "with malice toward none and  
4 charity for all"; and

5       Whereas Abraham Lincoln, in 1849, was offered the governorship of the Oregon Territory but  
6 declined that honor so that he could pursue his law practice; and

7       Whereas the Oregon territory consisted of what are now the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana  
8 and Washington; and

9       Whereas Abraham Lincoln, although declining the position of Territorial Governor, did become  
10 the 16th President of the United States; and

11       Whereas President Abraham Lincoln contributed to the development of Oregon by his support  
12 for the Homestead Act, the development of land-grant colleges and the launching of the Transcon-  
13 tinental Railroad; and

14       Whereas the Legislative Assembly wishes to honor President Abraham Lincoln on the 200th  
15 anniversary of his birth and to bestow upon him the honor he declined to accept in 1849; now,  
16 therefore,

17 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

18       That the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly declares President Abraham Lincoln as Honorary  
19 Territorial Governor for February 12, 2009.

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.