

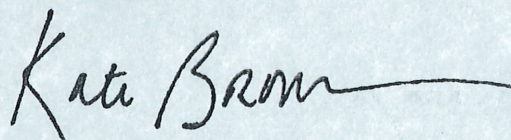
STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** October marks the one-year anniversary of Rogue Creamery receiving the title of “best cheese in the world” at the 2019 World Cheese Awards in Bergamo, Italy; and
- WHEREAS:** An international panel of 260 judges selected Rogue River Blue cheese for this prestigious honor among more than 3,800 cheeses from 42 countries; and
- WHEREAS:** It was a statement win and a landmark moment, as this was the first time in the history of the competition that an American cheese was chosen as grand champion; and
- WHEREAS:** U.S. Dairy Export Council President Tom Vilsack said, “This is more than a win for Rogue Creamery of Central Point, Oregon. The ‘Best Cheese’ title creates a halo effect that will cause global customers to look at all U.S. cheeses in a brighter light”; and
- WHEREAS:** Rogue River Blue captures their signature Rogue Valley terroir in an organic, cave-aged blue cheese wrapped in Syrah grape leaves soaked in pear spirits, with flavors of sweet pine, wild ripened berries, hazelnuts, morels and pears; and
- WHEREAS:** This world’s best cheese is the product of many years of hard work and refinement by president David Gremmels with support from his dedicated team at Rogue Creamery and their organic herd of Brown Swiss and Holstein cows; and
- WHEREAS:** Rogue Creamery is a certified B-Corporation that serves as a model for sustainability in dairy, committed to leaving a positive impact on people, animals and the planet.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 18, 2020** to be


Blue Cheese Day

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, October 15, 2020.



Kate Brown, Governor



Bev Clarno, Secretary of State

