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### **Bud Pierce Reacts to SPJ Debate Announcement**

Salem, OR (July 5, 2016) – Republican gubernatorial candidate Dr. Bud Pierce will debate Gov. Kate Brown in Bend this September at the Oregon Territory Society of Professional Journalists debate.

Pierce says he's excited Brown's campaign agreed to the September debate, because it's important for voters to hear what both candidates plan to do, if elected.

"Kate Brown has been avoiding taking positions on critical issues facing Oregon," said Pierce. "So I think this debate will be a great time for voters to hear both mine and Brown's opinions on issues that matter to voters."

While Pierce is excited for this first scheduled debate, he still urges Brown to attend the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association debate on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

"The ONPA debate has historically been the first debate between gubernatorial candidates," said Pierce. "I think the newspaper publishers deserve to have both candidates attend their debate."

Pierce is willing to debate with Brown anytime, anywhere. Last week, his campaign released his call for six debates with Brown, as opposed to her request for three televised debates.

"Kate Brown has a special obligation to participate in these debates, because she was appointed, not elected to the Governor's Office," said Pierce.

Pierce is hoping for at least one of these debates to be televised in Spanish so that all of Oregon's voters can be involved in the political process this fall.

The SPJ debate will take place in Bend on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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Bud Pierce, M.D, Ph.D. is a business owner and senior partner of Hematology/Oncology of Salem, one of the last physician owned practices on the West Coast. He announced his candidacy for governor on Sept.10, 2015, on the Republican ticket and won the party's nomination for Governor in the May primary. Approved photos and biography can be found at [www.BudPierce.com/newsroom](http://www.BudPierce.com/newsroom).

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