WHEREAS: Oregon's private, non-profit, regionally accredited colleges and universities make indispensable contributions to Oregon's communities and our state's 40-40-20 education attainment goals by awarding 29% of the baccalaureate and higher degrees awarded in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: Oregon private colleges support immediate and long-term economic development by awarding 22% of baccalaureate degrees in such high need fields as STEM, business, public administration and social service, and half or more of graduate degrees in health professions, education, and business; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's private colleges support education attainment for Oregon's socio-economically diverse population with 21% of their undergraduates the first in their family to attend college, and 31% qualifying for federal Pell Grants based on income; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's private colleges serve Oregon's ethnically diverse population by awarding 23% of the baccalaureate degrees and 47% of the graduate degrees earned by minority students in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: Oregon private colleges contribute to Oregon's economy with combined annual expenditures of nearly $810 million, employing 7,845 faculty and staff, and investing in the economies of local communities through major construction projects.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim July 28 – August 1, 2014 to be

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in Oregon and commend this observance to all Oregonians.

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, May 13, 2014.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State