WHEREAS: Oregon private colleges support immediate and long-term economic development by awarding 23% of baccalaureate degrees in fields as STEM (e.g., engineering, computer science, and math), business, public administration and social service, and half or more of graduate degrees in health professions, education, and business; and

WHEREAS: At Oregon's private colleges one in five undergraduates are the first in their family to attend college, and 32% qualify for federal Pell Grants based on income; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's private colleges award 24% of the baccalaureate degrees and 52% of the graduate degrees earned by minority students in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: Oregon private colleges contribute $2.7 billion annually to Oregon's economy, employ 8,400 faculty and staff, and invest in the economies of local communities through services and construction projects.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim August 3-7, 2015 to be OREGON PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK

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, June 5, 2015.

Kate Brown, Governor

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State