STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 16-20, 2009 as "International Education Week" in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation's peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS: International education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

WHEREAS: By participating in such programs, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and are more prepared for a global environment; and

WHEREAS: We live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness, and national security; and

WHEREAS: Citizens and institutions of this State are urged to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 16 – 20, 2009** to be

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 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, October 23, 2009.

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State