

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS:** Oregon's private, nonprofit, and independent colleges and universities are vital to a more educated and skilled workforce, enriching local communities, and contributing to our state's education attainment goals. Oregon's alliance network of institutions educate more than 26,000 students and confer over 4,500 undergraduate degrees and nearly 3,000 graduate degrees annually; and

**WHEREAS:** The 13 colleges and universities in the alliance conferred education (32.3 %), health professions (34.6%), business and marketing (14.2%), and public administration and social service undergraduate degrees (11.5%), with 64% of undergraduate students finishing their degree in four years – contributing to immediate and long-term economic development and producing qualified and skilled graduates in key employment sectors; and

**WHEREAS:** Oregon's private, nonprofit, and independent colleges support education attainment for a socially, racially, and economically diverse population. Within the alliance network of institutions, nearly 20% of undergraduates are the first in their family to attend college, 33% self-identify as persons of color, and 24% of the fall cohort are eligible for federal Pell Grants; and

**WHEREAS:** Oregon's private, nonprofit, and independent colleges and universities within the alliance network contribute \$1.58 billion annually to the state's economy, employ over 7,000 faculty and staff, support local economies, and enrich the quality of life in their home communities.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **July 25 - 29, 2022** 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, May 11, 2022.



Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State