

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

**WHEREAS:** Oregon's private, nonprofit, independent colleges and universities are vital to Oregon's goal for a more educated and skilled workforce, enriching local communities, and contributing to our state's education attainment goals, educating approximately 34,000 students and conferring nearly 10,500 undergraduate degrees annually; and

**WHEREAS:** Oregon's private, nonprofit, independent colleges support immediate and long-term economic development, producing qualified and skilled graduates in key employment sectors, such as education (66 percent), health professions (53 percent), business and marketing (24 percent), and public administration and social services (20 percent), with 62 percent of undergraduate students finishing their degrees in four years; and

**WHEREAS:** Oregon's private, nonprofit colleges support education attainment for a socially, racially, and economically diverse population, with one in five undergraduates the first in their families to attend college, 32 percent self-identifying as persons of color, 28 percent eligible for federal Pell Grants, and the highest graduation rate in Oregon among students of color; and

**WHEREAS:** Oregon private colleges contribute \$3.2 billion annually to the state's economy, employing 8,547 faculty and staff, supporting local economies, and enriching the quality of life in their home communities.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **July 29- August 2, 2019** 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 4, 2019.



*Kate Brown*

Kate Brown, Governor

*Bev Clarno*

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State