

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Sustainability resides at the intersection of a vibrant economy, an equitable society, and a healthy environment in the interest of meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs; and
- WHEREAS:** Humanity and the planet today face unprecedented challenges such as climate change, food and water shortages, environmental degradation, conflict, and global health issues which must be addressed through critical and creative thinking and innovative problem solving; and
- WHEREAS:** Young people today have the motivation and ability to make important contributions to the creation of a sustainable world both now and for future generations; and
- WHEREAS:** Sustainability education helps students learn skills, perspectives, and values that can guide and motivate them to seek sustainable livelihoods, fully participate in a democratic society, and live in a sustainable manner; and
- WHEREAS:** Colleges of education and teachers play a vital role in creating a more just and sustainable world; and
- WHEREAS:** Sustainability literacy is a prerequisite for participating in the emerging green economy and for engaging with critical local, regional, and global issues; and
- WHEREAS:** Young people will benefit academically and personally from expanded opportunities to engage in sustainability education learning experiences; and
- WHEREAS:** Young people should be valued for the idealism, passion, energy, creativity, and commitment they bring to the challenges in their communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The week of November 9-13, 2009 is National Sustainability Education Week in recognition of students, teachers, colleges of education, and the larger community working to create sustainable communities.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 9 – 13, 2009** to be

SUSTAINABILITY 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, November 2, 2009.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Secretary of State