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 young people today have the motivation, passion, creativity and ability to make important contributions to the creation of a sustainable world both now and for future generations

WHEREAS: Sustainability education helps students learn skills, perspectives, and values that can guide, motivate and enable them to seek sustainable livelihoods, participate in the green economy, fully participate in a democratic society, and live in a sustainable manner; and young people benefit academically and personally from expanded opportunities to engage in sustainability education; and

WHEREAS: Colleges and teachers play a vital role in educating for sustainability; and school and district operations and services provide an operating model that can contribute to educating for sustainability; and

WHEREAS: The second week in November is celebrated nationally as National Sustainability Education Week devoted to the 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 8-12, 2010** 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, October 18, 2010.

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State