

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

- WHEREAS:** Access to inter-disciplinary experiences in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) improve the prosperity of individuals and communities across the state; and
- WHEREAS:** STEM skills are essential to the communities and careers of the future. Advancements in STEM fields are transforming every industrial and service sector: from agriculture to energy, medicine to manufacturing, forestry to nanotechnology; and
- WHEREAS:** Whereas, a diverse, STEM-talented workforce is critical to Oregon's ability to compete in the global economy; and
- WHEREAS:** Today's students are the thinkers, creators, innovators and doers of tomorrow; and
- WHEREAS:** STEM experiences engage learners, and engaged learners succeed. When students have access to hands-on, future-focused learning opportunities they are more likely to stay engaged in school, graduate at higher rates and move on to a meaningful career.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 1-7, 2016** to be

**OREGON STEM 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, April 21, 2016.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown", written in a cursive style.

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne P. Atkins", written in a cursive style.

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State