WHEREAS: Summer Learning Week is a time to reflect on the importance of keeping young people learning, safe, and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school in the fall ready to succeed in the year ahead; and

WHEREAS: There is a critical role for summer youth employment programs to engage older youth. Whether virtual or in-person, with the support of business and community leaders, our youth gain real world experience, contribute to their community and economy, explore careers of interest, take on new responsibilities, and earn money for the future through summer jobs, internships, mentoring and/or volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Summer learning programs are proven to maintain and advance students' academic and social growth, keep children safe and healthy during the summer, and support unfinished learning; and

WHEREAS: A wide array of public agencies, community-based organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers, camps, and businesses in our community contribute to the well-being of youth through summer programming; and

WHEREAS: Joyful summer learning experiences are a critical component of our collective effort to ensure America's educational recovery and that all students heal, grow, and thrive through and beyond this global pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim July 12-16, 2021 to be SUMMER LEARNING WEEK

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 17, 2021.

Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State