

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Since time immemorial tribal people have called Oregon's coast, rivers, mountains and lands their home; and
- WHEREAS:** Today nine sovereign tribal nations govern their people and share the beauty and bounty of Oregon with their neighbors and fellow Oregonians, Indian and non-Indian; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's tribes make great contributions to their members and communities at large through philanthropic work, cultural and language preservation, affordable housing, health care, environmental stewardship, services for elders; and
- WHEREAS:** Our state's efforts to build a healthy environment, a strong economy and thriving communities will be strengthened by consulting with and tapping into the historical knowledge and traditional expertise of the First Oregonians; and
- WHEREAS:** The theme for this year's American Indian Week is "Understanding the Importance of Tribal Sovereignty and Benefiting from Effective Consultation."

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 14-21, 2016** to be

AMERICAN INDIAN WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance and celebrate our rich heritage, consider the contributions of the First Oregonians as well as the recent contributions of all Native Americans here today to bettering our distinct and special State.

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 5, 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