

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon's economic vitality depends on increasing the numbers of skilled workers; and
- WHEREAS:** Science, technology, engineering and math skills are essential to Oregon's future workforce; and
- WHEREAS:** The Business Education Compact (BEC) addresses this need through its annual National Engineers Month initiative by: 1) stimulating students' interest in and excitement for science, technology, engineering and math; 2) raising student awareness of the opportunities and rewards of being an engineer; and 3) inspiring students to pursue a technical career; and
- WHEREAS:** During each February as part of the BEC National Engineers Month initiative, hundreds of professional engineers visit and lead activities in K-12 classrooms throughout Oregon, reaching tens of thousands of students; and
- WHEREAS:** Having professional engineers visit the classroom exposes students to the engineering design process, infuses student learning with relevance by providing them with real world examples, and ignites the imagination of our future engineers while laying the critical foundation for our state's future economic future.

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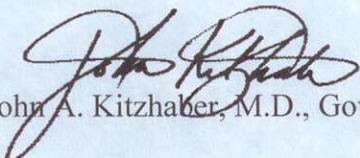
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **February 2012** to be

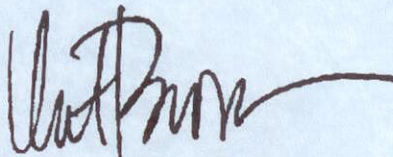
NATIONAL ENGINEERS MONTH

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, February 1, 2012




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State