

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

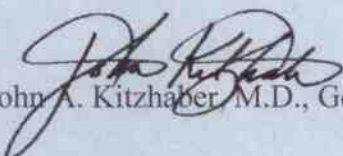
- WHEREAS:** Oregon Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (ORTESOL) is dedicated to promoting scholarship, disseminating information, and strengthening instruction and research at all levels in the teaching of English to speakers of other languages; and
- WHEREAS:** The number of English learners (ELs), international students and refugees enrolled in our pre-K through 12 schools, community colleges, adult basic skills programs, and university intensive English programs has increased over past decades; and
- WHEREAS:** Educators across our state seek to serve our English learners using research-informed practices to eliminate the achievement gap, increase high school graduation rates and provide for EL students to complete college; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of March 2014 brings together the ODE/COSA English Learners Alliance Conference and the international Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Convention in Oregon for the first time; and
- WHEREAS:** The cultural and linguistic diversity of students enrolled in ESOL and dual-language programs in Oregon enrich all Oregonians' awareness of intercultural and global issues; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon is committed to equity for our diverse populations and improving the quality of life of all our residents.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 24-29 2014** to be

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AWARENESS 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, February 27, 2014.


John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State