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Whereas, environmental education will increase dramatically by the creation of a full week of educational preparation in K-12 classrooms, university campuses, and informal settings such as nature centers, zoos, aquariums, and museums; and

Whereas, collaborative efforts will increase the amount of environmental education taking place in America's classrooms prior to Earth Day, while drawing educator attention to the larger opportunities and value of environmental education, for both year long education and environmental stewardship; and

Whereas, environmental education bolsters core environmental literacy in our K-12 students by featuring grade-appropriate environmental literacy goals and content standards; and

Whereas, environmental education will encourage schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums, and local parks; and

Whereas, the professional environmental education community will have an opportunity to annually feature its accomplishments with the nation's educational leaders; and

Whereas, national Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation, in cooperation with hundreds of outstanding environmental education organizations, education associations, and agencies will become an annually anticipated event for local participation in schools and various education centers in Portland, Oregon.

Now, therefore, I, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2009 as

Environmental Education Week

and encourage all residents to participate in this special observance.

