



January 13, 2015

JOHN A. KITZHABER, MD
Governor

Don Gentry
Klamath Tribal Chairman
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Dear Chairman Gentry:

I was pleased to receive your request to designate the Klamath Tribes/Chiloquin Community Early Literacy Project as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your request I feel it is appropriate to designate it as an Oregon Solutions project as it meets many objectives we have for our state, our children, and our communities.

I understand that the project is focused on engaging parents and the community in efforts to make sure your children are ready to read when they enter school. I am very aware of the importance of this work for reaching our goal of every child in Oregon reading at grade level by third grade. I also understand the link of this work to addressing poverty in the long term.

I am pleased that this project brings together the Tribes and the Chiloquin community to work together in collaboration with the StORyTime project of the Oregon Education Investment Board and with resources from the Early Learning Division provided through the South Central Early Learning Hub. This is the kind of leverage I believe is most powerful for impacting communities and producing positive outcomes.

I am also designating Kathy Hill, Klamath Tribes Tribal Council member and Barbara Fuentez, Oregon Child Development Coalition Head Start Director as co-conveners of the project. They will work with Oregon Solutions staff and a Project Team to agree to a Declaration of Cooperation.

Please keep the governor's office updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

cc: Greg Wolf
Beverly Stein

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