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Governor



## *Greetings from the Governor*

*April 13, 2013*

As Governor of the state of Oregon, I am pleased to extend the greetings to all of those attending the National Math Competition 2013 hosted by the Oregon Chapter of the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association.

I have always been a champion of good education in our great state of Oregon, especially that of math and science. In our fast changing world, new emerging technologies, including but not limited to biotechnology, nanotechnology, environmental science, and cutting edge medical fields, will profoundly change our lives in the future. If we are to prepare young people for careers in these emerging industries, it is essential they have a solid grounding in mathematics.

I applaud the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association for its outstanding commitment to engaging student interest in this vitally important discipline. I hope that this event inspires participants to pursue advanced coursework in the college or university of their choice. I have no doubt that many of these boys and girls will go on to make significant contributions in their profession, to the benefit of all.

Although not everyone who takes part in this demanding competition will be able to take home a first place award, all can take great pride in knowing that they have given it their very best effort. In this, everyone is a winner.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and fun-filled contest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Kitzhaber".

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