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Greetings,

As Governor of Oregon, I send my special thanks to the many people who worked to bring the World Peace Flame to Oregon.

Today, the International Day of Peace, Oregon takes her place alongside the world, including The Netherlands, North Wales, Australia, and Belgium, to welcome the World Peace Flame as a sign of our shared commitment to peace and the conditions peace requires – human rights for all.

Oregon is a state committed to peace and justice for her people, and I am particularly glad to welcome the peace flame to Southern Oregon University. Curiosity, critical thinking, and collaboration are nurtured in every learner at SOU, to build both prosperity and peace in a rapidly changing world. Our public universities are beacons of hope for a better life.

This flame reminds us all of our hope for a better future and our responsibility to build that future together. Thank you for your commitment to not only imagine a better world, but to do the hard work to create it.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown