

**PROCLAMATION
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK**

WHEREAS the education of our youth is imperative to our school district, to Oregon, to our nation, our world;

WHEREAS classified school employees in our school districts, education service districts and community colleges are the “backbone” of our public school system;

WHEREAS classified employees work directly with our children, staff, parents, volunteers, business partners and community members and are responsible for the transportation, nutrition and general well-being of our children as well as assisting certified staff in direct instruction;

WHEREAS classified employees ensure the smooth operation of our offices, the maintenance of buildings and property, and the safety of our staff and students and the community trusts them as important messengers about our schools;

WHEREAS our community depends on classified employees to serve students and other staff, often in challenging circumstances and classified employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, nurture our youth throughout their K-12 years;

WE MEMBERS OF THE PARKROSE BOARD OF EDUCATION join Governor **Theodore R. Kulongoski** in proclaiming MARCH 2-6, 2009 to be CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WEEK in Portland, Oregon, and encourage all members of our community to join in this observance recognizing the dedication and hard work of these individuals.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____