

February 22, 2008

08-055

PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK FEBRUARY 23
THROUGH MARCH 1, 2008 AT PORTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PREPARED BY: Dr. Preston Pulliams, District President

WHEREAS, Entrepreneurship is vital to the City of Portland's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, more than 2,300 people become independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than 20 million self-employed, that make up more than 75% of the nation's 26 million plus business firms nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the 21st century content areas critical to success in communities and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, More than 70% of young Americans envision starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults; and

WHEREAS, The National Governors Association encourages connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the growth engines of any economy; and

WHEREAS, A broad coalition of partner organizations in Portland and throughout the United States are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the National Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education; and

WHEREAS Portland Community College strongly supports enhancing Entrepreneurship opportunities through its Small Business Development Center which offers training and one-on-one counseling to more than 500 new and growing businesses each year; and

WHEREAS, Encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship, and working to expand the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Portland's youth and adults to be successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives resolved to recognize an annual National Entrepreneurship Week that this year commences on February 23 – March 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, National Entrepreneurship Week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical, and problem solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Preston Pulliams, District President of Portland Community College, in conjunction with a motion from the Board of Directors of the College, -, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM February 23rd through March 1st, 2008 as Entrepreneurship Week at Portland Community College

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, to this proclamation 22nd day of February, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: That Portland Community College observe National Entrepreneurship Week February 23 through March 1, 2008.