

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Nationwide over 5.2 million people have developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Nearly 67,000 adults and children in Oregon have developmental disabilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians with and without disabilities live and work side by side across Oregon to form strong, diverse communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Every person has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to thrive, and the potential to make important contributions to their local communities; and
- WHEREAS:** People with developmental disabilities in Oregon share, with the state's 4.2 million residents, a vision to live full lives that include opportunities for competitive, integrated employment, safe and accessible housing, meaningful relationships, and access to physical and mental health care, and the many wonderful resources we all share; and
- WHEREAS:** Families of people with developmental disabilities deserve recognition for their commitment to helping their family member achieve that vision for a full life as an independent and contributing member of their community; and
- WHEREAS:** "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" is an appropriate time to recognize Oregon's public policy accomplishments on behalf of persons with disabilities and to also identify the improvements to public policy that are needed to fully include all of Oregon's citizens with developmental disabilities in sustaining and creating community, opportunity, and progress in this beautiful state we all call home.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim March 2025 to be

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 20, 2025.



Tina Kotek

Tina Kotek, Governor

Tobias J. Read

Tobias Read, Secretary of State