

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-27

DECLARING A HUNGER EMERGENCY TO PROTECT OREGONIANS FROM THE SUSPENSION OF FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

WHEREAS, under ORS 401.165, the Governor of Oregon may declare a state of emergency by proclamation upon determining that an emergency has occurred or is imminent; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2025, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Brooke Rollins, appointed by President Donald J. Trump, directed states to halt processing November Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits due to the federal government shutdown; and

WHEREAS, this directive immediately jeopardizes food access for 757,000 Oregonians—one in six residents—including 210,000 children and 130,000 seniors statewide and threatens loss of life, injury to persons and human suffering; and

WHEREAS, the interruption of SNAP benefits will significantly increase hunger and food insecurity across Oregon, disproportionately impacting vulnerable populations such as children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those with access and functional needs; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2025, the Governor of Oregon, Secretary of State Tobias Read, Attorney General Dan Rayfield, State Treasurer Elizabeth Steiner, Labor Commissioner Christina Stephenson, Senate President Rob Wagner, House Speaker Julie Fahey, Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama, House Majority Leader Ben Bowman, and House and Senate budget Co-Chairs Senator Kate Lieber and Representative Tawna Sanchez sent a letter to USDA Secretary Rollins to demand available contingency funds be used to continue SNAP benefits; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2025, Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield joined 21 other states in filing a lawsuit against the USDA and its Secretary for unlawfully suspending SNAP benefits; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon must act swiftly to mitigate the effects of the suspension of SNAP benefits, and provide essential nutrition assistance for Oregonians in every corner of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, by virtue of the authority vested in me under ORS 401.165, do hereby proclaim that a statewide food insufficiency emergency exists across Oregon, effective immediately.



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This declaration authorizes the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to coordinate and direct other state agencies to take all necessary actions to respond to and mitigate the impacts of this emergency, including coordination with local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private sector partners

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

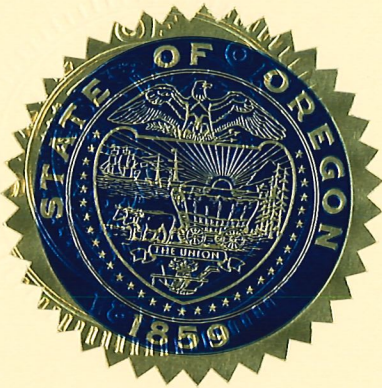
1. Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM). OEM shall activate the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan as needed to coordinate necessary access to use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate, and recover from conditions caused by this emergency. OEM coordination efforts may include as necessary, but not be limited to:
 - a. Management of information requirements to inform statewide operations to OEM identified State Policy Group;
 - b. Coordination of essential protective measures requested by the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to address food insecurity and alleviate human suffering.
2. Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS). ODHS shall, in coordination with OEM and local government, provide supplemental services, supplies, and equipment to local governments and community-based organizations to provide for the health and safety of affected residents and mitigate human suffering from conditions caused by this emergency. ODHS efforts shall:
 - a. Coordinate with Oregon's human services and food security organizations to identify strategies to address unmet hunger needs.
 - b. Provide available supplemental financial assistance to address food insecurity impacts due to the loss of SNAP benefits.
 - c. Coordinate communication with state agencies, local governments and food security organizations regarding state actions.
 - d. Provide situational updates through the Oregon Department of Emergency Management regarding operations executed to address food insecurity impacts.
3. All Other State or Other Agencies. All state or other public or quasi-public agencies are directed to provide resources and support as directed by OEM to assist in the response to this emergency as requested.



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4. Duration: This order shall remain in effect from October 30, 2025, and expires upon the resumption and distribution of federal SNAP benefits or on December 31, 2025, unless extended or terminated earlier by the Governor.

Done at Tokyo, Japan, this 30th day of October, 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tobias Read".

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE