

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer, recognizing the important role women play in agriculture, food production, and sustaining rural economies worldwide; and

WHEREAS: This designation shines a spotlight on the vital role women play in agriculture, celebrates their achievements, brings attention to the hurdles they overcome, and inspires new policies and investments to empower women farmers; and

WHEREAS: Organizations such as the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and its members are championing the 2026 International Year of the Woman Farmer to uplift, equip, connect, and recognize women farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness professionals across the United States; and

WHEREAS: According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, women represent approximately 44 percent of all agricultural producers in Oregon, a higher share than the national average, demonstrating the strong and growing leadership of women across Oregon's farm, ranch, and agricultural enterprises; and

WHEREAS: Women farmers in Oregon are not only stewards of the land but also trailblazers in innovation, entrepreneurship, conservation, food system leadership, agricultural education, and building resilient communities; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's agricultural sector produces more than 225 agricultural commodities producing \$5.5 billion farmgate annually, employing more than 531,000 people associated with the agriculture, food, and fiber industry, encompassing more than 16 million acres of agricultural land, and preserving rural heritage, food security, local jobs, and community well-being.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim 2026 to be
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE WOMAN FARMER
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 12, 2026.



Tina Kotek
Tina Kotek, Governor
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Tobias Read, Secretary of State