

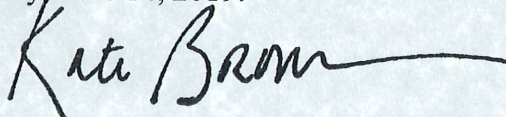
STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Summertime should be about enjoying all that Oregon has to offer, from savoring farm fresh foods to exploring our state's natural beauty; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 300,000 children in Oregon qualify for free or reduced-price meals during the school year, and 20 percent of children in Oregon are food insecure; and
- WHEREAS:** When school is out for summer, kids who count on eating meals at school might not otherwise have access to all the nutrition they need to be active and healthy; and
- WHEREAS:** Children who miss out on meals and enrichment during the summer may suffer from a loss in educational content known as the "Summer Gap"; and
- WHEREAS:** Summer meals and enrichment programs served to all kids throughout the summer transform the "Summer Gap" into a "Summer Boost"; and
- WHEREAS:** A wide array of public agencies, community-based organizations, schools, libraries, recreation centers, camps, and businesses in our community contribute to the well-being of youth through summer meals and summer programming; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon strives to build and expand summer meal opportunities throughout the state through community outreach, adding new meal sites, and investing in summer programming.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **July 15-19, 2019** to be

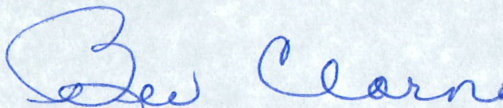
SUMMER MEALS WEEK

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, June 14, 2019.



Kate Brown, Governor



Bev Clarno, Secretary of State

