

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon recognizes the essential role of trees in mitigating environmental challenges and acknowledges the significant and ongoing loss of trees from climate change and natural disasters, such as wildfires, persistent drought, heat events, and destructive pests and diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Planting and caring for trees not only help us meet Oregon's carbon reduction goals but also help us address key environmental priorities, such as enhancing habitat for wildlife and recreational opportunities for people, as well as ensuring we have enough water for drinking and irrigation; and
- WHEREAS:** Urban development and the preservation of large, healthy shade trees demands a careful balance, because the resilience of our communities, the health and well-being of our residents, and the livability of our cities hinge upon the presence and preservation of such trees. They improve air and water quality, conserve energy, reduce flood risk, buffer noise pollution, connect us to nature, and protect us from extreme heat events; and
- WHEREAS:** Long-standing disparities have made it difficult for everyone to have equal access to the benefits provided by trees; we must address these inequities by collaboratively planting and nurturing trees in underserved areas, and fostering pathways for underrepresented communities to engage in arboriculture and urban forestry professions; and
- WHEREAS:** Trees are fundamental to our individual and collective prosperity, we need to collectively commit to restoring and sustaining both our urban and rural forests.

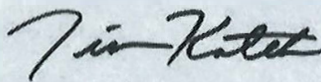
NOW,

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

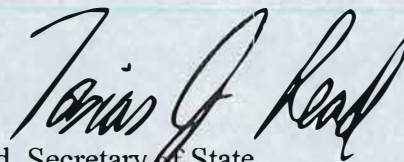
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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

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, March 25, 2025.



Tina Kotek, Governor



Tobias Read, Secretary of State

