

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon is committed to helping communities become more resilient in the face of climate change threats, it therefore recognizes the vital role trees play in protecting communities from climate change impacts, particularly extreme heat and rain events. At the same time the State acknowledges the significant loss of Oregon trees natural disasters made worse by climate change, such as wildfires, drought, heat events, and destructive pests; 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 demand 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. Well-cared for urban shade trees are literally lifesavers, reducing human deaths by capturing air pollution, reducing noise, and protecting us from extreme heat events, in addition to helping us conserve energy, reduce flood risk, and connect us to nature; 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 sustaining both our urban and rural forests.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim April to be

ARBOR 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 March 26, 2026.



Handwritten signature of Tina Kotek in black ink.

Tina Kotek, Governor

Handwritten signature of Tobias Read in black ink.

Tobias Read, Secretary of State