

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon's children are all of our children, and we have a responsibility to create safe, nurturing environments that enable them to thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Dedicated resource families and relative caregivers work tirelessly to provide children a secure and nurturing environment and give young people in foster care the love, warmth, safety, care, and support they need; and
- WHEREAS:** In Oregon there are children and young people waiting for loving families to support them during their time in care, and it is important to ensure all qualified resource families and relative caregivers have the opportunity to serve, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, and that no barriers exist as we invest in efforts to retain our current families and recruit more families for children and young people in foster care; and
- WHEREAS:** There are many ways to help our children, including by providing respite care, volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, and taking a role as a caseworker; and
- WHEREAS:** Individuals and public and private organizations can help by increasing public awareness of the need for more resource families, caregivers, and community support of children in foster care.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2024** to be

**FOSTER CARE AWARENESS 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, April 25, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State