

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon is one of the fastest aging states in the West and by 2034, Oregonians 65+ will outnumber children under 18; and
- WHEREAS:** We affirm this growing population of older adults and elders of all races and backgrounds and celebrate their contributions and voices in our community; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon benefits when people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize the need to create an Oregon that offers the services and supports older adults may need to make choices about how they age; and
- WHEREAS:** We are striving to build age-friendly communities for people ages 0 to 100+ who are included, engaged and can thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** We must expand our thinking about aging, work to combat ageism, and value age as an asset by emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging, inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries and embrace the diversity within our aging population; and
- WHEREAS:** This May we recognize the unique paths and experiences of older adults and elders by celebrating older Oregonians who help to create an inclusive society in our communities.

NOW,

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

OLDER AMERICANS 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, May 2, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State