## STATE OF OREGON

## PROCLAMATION

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The State of Oregon is home to 1,566,342 people over the age of 50, comprising 37% of the WHEREAS:

population, and those over 65 making up over 19% of the state's population; and

The number of older adults in Oregon is projected to increase significantly in the future, with WHEREAS:

estimates indicating that by 2034 there will be more people 65 and over than under 18; and

Oregon's older adults represent diverse races, ethnicities, cultures, communities, WHEREAS:

neighborhoods, and generations, contributing to the rich tapestry of our state; and

Older Oregonians continue to be active, engaged, and influential members of our community, WHEREAS:

participating in volunteer activities, mentoring, and contributing to the workforce; and

May is designated as Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate and honor the WHEREAS:

achievements, contributions, and sacrifices of older Oregonians; and

The theme for Older Americans Month 2025 is "Flip the Script," encouraging us to challenge WHEREAS:

outdated stereotypes of aging and embrace a new perspective, recognizing the diverse and

dynamic roles older adults play in our society; and

We strive to build age-friendly communities for people ages 0 to 100+ who are included, WHEREAS:

engaged, and can thrive; and

The State of Oregon is committed to promoting the health, independence, and well-being of WHEREAS:

> older adults by addressing issues affecting older adults, including housing, caregiving, workforce, and economic vitality, as well as accessible, inclusive programs to promote the

health and well-being of older adults.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 2025 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 April 17, 2025.

Tobias Read, Secretary of State

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