

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon is home to more than 1.5 million Oregonians age 50 and older, who represent more than one-third of the population and contribute significantly to Oregon's economy, workforce, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS: Oregon has reached a demographic milestone, with adults age 65 and older now outnumbering children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS: This demographic moment underscores the importance of intentional planning to ensure Oregon's communities, infrastructure, and services meet the needs of a growing older population while strengthening opportunity for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS: Older Oregonians represent diverse communities, cultures, abilities, and life experiences, and their continued engagement strengthens civic life, caregiving, volunteerism, and intergenerational connection statewide; and

WHEREAS: Strong, inclusive, and accessible communities support health, independence, economic security, and quality of life for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS: Oregon has a proud history of being welcoming to people across the lifespan, fostering a strong system of support for older adults and creating safe, livable, and age friendly communities for all ages; and

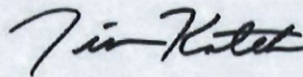
WHEREAS: Advancing an Age-Friendly Oregon requires collaboration among public and private partners to ensure communities statewide are responsive, inclusive, and prepared to support people at every stage of life.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:**

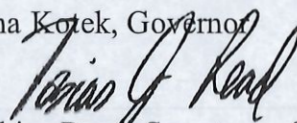
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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

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 May 18, 2026.



Tina Kotek, Governor



Tobias Read, Secretary of State

