

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** May 18, 2025, is the 45th Anniversary of the Mount St. Helens eruption, which is still the most destructive eruption in U.S. history; and
- WHEREAS:** Fifty-seven people are confirmed to have lost their lives due to the avalanche and directed blast, thousands of animals were killed, and more than 200 homes were destroyed, with a total estimated cost of \$1.5 billion in losses and cleanup; and
- WHEREAS:** Mount St. Helens is one of ten still active volcanoes in the Cascades being monitored by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) National Volcano Early Warning System for volcanic activity and associated hazards to people; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) is tasked with leading collaborative statewide efforts to ensure partners and the communities are able to effectively protect, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters—OEM and its partners at the USGS and Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will highlight volcano-related preparedness and mitigation information for Oregon residents and visitors during the week of May 18.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 18-25, 2025 to be

VOLCANO AWARENESS WEEK

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.



Tina Kotek, Governor

Tobias Read, Secretary of State