

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The state of Oregon is home to diverse and breathtaking landscapes, including forests, mountains, rivers, and coastal areas, which attract adventurers from across the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS:** Search and Rescue (SAR) teams across Oregon responded to nearly 1,100 missions last year, assisting individuals who are lost, injured, or in distress, and ensuring their safe return to their families and communities. In the last decade, 99% of people needing search and rescue assistance originated from outside the county where they were rescued; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of June has historically been recognized as Search and Rescue Month in Oregon, and provides an opportunity to recognize the dedication and professionalism of SAR personnel and to raise awareness about the importance of outdoor preparedness; and
- WHEREAS:** Lack of preparation is a leading factor in SAR incidents, and educating the public about responsible recreation, situational awareness, and emergency readiness can help prevent unnecessary risks and enhance outdoor safety; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's search and rescue efforts are strengthened by the collaboration of multiple state and local agencies and organizations, including the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, as well as local sheriff's office personnel, firefighters, the military, emergency medical personnel, and committed volunteers; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Department of Emergency Management, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and Oregon State Sheriffs' Association all play vital roles in search and rescue operations, outdoor safety education, and SAR training—they will use the month of June to honor SAR teams and promote public awareness through social media and outreach efforts.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **June 2026** to be

SEARCH AND RESCUE 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 18, 2026.



Handwritten signature of Tina Kotek in black ink.

Tina Kotek, Governor

Handwritten signature of Tobias Read in black ink.

Tobias Read, Secretary of State