

STATE OF OREGON
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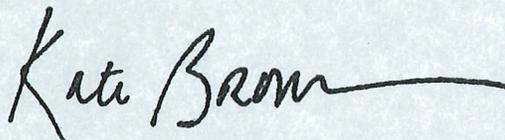
- WHEREAS:** A commitment to supporting maternal and child health creates a better Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Steps can be taken to have a healthy pregnancy, such as taking a daily vitamin with folic acid before and during pregnancy, and stopping alcohol or drug use during pregnancy; and
- WHEREAS:** Even when steps are taken to support a health pregnancy, birth anomalies still occur among families of every race, ethnicity, health history, and economic status, including an estimated 2,100 infants in Oregon each year; and
- WHEREAS:** The Centers for Disease Control observes National Birth Defects Prevention Month each January, and although birth anomalies are sometimes referred to as birth “defects”, persons affected are not “defective”; and
- WHEREAS:** Early identification and intervention services, family peer support, and community connections improves childrens’ and families’ lives and enrich our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** We can all encourage children with birth anomalies to meet their full potential and lead important roles in our communities without limits.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon hereby proclaim **January 2020** to be

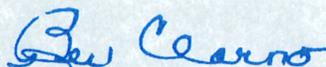
OREGON BIRTH ANOMALIES AWARENESS MONTH

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, December 20, 2019.



Kate Brown, Governor



Bev Clarno Secretary of State

