

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** National Breastfeeding Month is a time to recognize the positive, long-term impact of breastfeeding on Oregon families and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Human milk provides unique nutritional and non-nutritional benefits for an infant's growth and development; reduces the risk of infectious and chronic disease; and builds a foundation for life-long health and wellness; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon ranks among the top states in breastfeeding initiation rates and advances policies that increase breastfeeding duration to establish breastfeeding as the norm for infant feeding in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's laws, including paid leave, supporting breastfeeding are vital for helping mothers to breastfeed exclusively for six months and to continue breastfeeding for a year or longer as recommended by health organizations worldwide; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program promotes breastfeeding as the best source of infant nutrition and empowers its participants to meet their individual infant feeding goals by providing tailored breastfeeding supports and resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon WIC Program, in collaboration with local public health authorities, community organizations, non-profits and Tribal partners, proudly celebrate over 50 years of advancing breastfeeding support, improving pregnancy outcomes, and enhancing the health of children and families across the state.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim August 2025 to be

**NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING 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 July 23, 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tobias J. Read".

Tobias Read, Secretary of State



