

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

**WHEREAS:** The Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics invites Oregonians to observe Malnutrition Awareness Week and support actions to prevent, identify, educate, treat, and report disease-related malnutrition; and

**WHEREAS:** Disease-related malnutrition often goes undetected but is prevalent among vulnerable populations at any body weight, including low-income and communities of color, as well as those with chronic illness; and

**WHEREAS:** Disease-related malnutrition impacts patient health outcomes, leading to higher infection rates, poor wound healing, longer lengths of stay, and higher frequency of readmission, and is associated with increased health costs; and

**WHEREAS:** Action in all settings of care creates opportunities for self-management education and outpatient interventions to reduce or prevent hospital admissions and readmissions, reduce post-discharge services, and enables people to remain more independent at home; and

**WHEREAS:** The Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics joins the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition in recognizing Malnutrition Awareness Week and to raise awareness around the important steps that can be taken to prevent and treat disease-related malnutrition.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 26-30, 2016** to be

**MALNUTRITION 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, September 20, 2016.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Brown', written in a cursive style.

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeanne P. Atkins', written in a cursive style.

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State