

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon is committed to ensuring the safety of all those living in and visiting our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Last year, there were 2,362 home fires in Oregon, resulting in \$136.7 million in losses to homeowners; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence and severity of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention education; and
- WHEREAS:** Rechargeable batteries, particularly lithium-ion batteries, are increasingly common in everyday household items such as phones, laptops, tools, appliances, toys, e-bikes, and electric vehicles; and
- WHEREAS:** While these batteries offer convenience and efficiency, they can pose a risk to public safety if misused; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon State Fire Marshal's theme for Oregon's 2025 Fire Prevention Month, "Take Charge of Fire Safety," serves to educate the public about the importance of preventing rechargeable battery fires by only purchasing rechargeable devices with recognized safety certifications, charging devices following the manufacturer's instructions, and properly disposing of rechargeable batteries and devices.

NOW,

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

FIRE PREVENTION 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 September 22, 2025.



Tina Kotek, Governor

Tobias Read, Secretary of State