

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

- WHEREAS:** The state of Oregon recognizes the essential role of trees in mitigating environmental challenges and acknowledges the significant and ongoing loss of trees from climate change and natural disasters such as wildfires, persistent drought, heat events, and destructive pests and diseases; and
- WHEREAS:** Urban development and the preservation of trees demands a careful balance since the resilience of our communities, the health and well-being of our residents, and the livability of our cities hinge upon the presence and preservation of trees; and
- WHEREAS:** Trees play an integral role in fostering healthy communities by promoting physical and mental well-being, improving air and water quality, conserving energy, offering shade and safeguarding against the impacts of high-heat events, providing natural beauty, and nurturing a connection to the natural world; and
- WHEREAS:** Longstanding disparities have made it difficult for everyone to have equal access to the benefits provided by trees; we must address these inequities by collaboratively planting and nurturing trees in underserved areas, and fostering pathways for underrepresented communities to engage in arboriculture and urban forestry professions; and
- WHEREAS:** Trees are fundamental to our individual and collective prosperity, we need to collectively commit to restoring and sustaining both our urban and rural forests.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2024** to be

**OREGON ARBOR 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, February 29, 2024.



*Tina Kotek*

Tina Kotek, Governor

*LaVonne Griffin-Valade*

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State