

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon is one of the fastest aging states in the West and by 2034, Oregonians who are 65 and older will outnumber children under 18; and
- WHEREAS:** We affirm this growing population of older adults and elders of all races and backgrounds and celebrate their contributions and voices in our community; and
- WHEREAS:** Our whole State benefits when people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize the need for the State to offer the services and supports older adults may need to make choices about how and where they age; and
- WHEREAS:** We are striving to build age-friendly communities for people ages 0 to 100+ who are included, engaged and can thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon can work to build even better communities for our older residents by: expanding our thinking about aging, combating ageism, valuing age as an asset and emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging, inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries and embracing the diversity within our aging population.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2023** to be

OLDER AMERICANS 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, May 24, 2023.



Tina Kotek
Tina Kotek, Governor

Cheryl Myers

Cheryl Myers, Acting Secretary of State