

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

- WHEREAS:** Child abuse is a preventable public health issue and Oregon’s children and families deserve intentional, sustainable investments in their health and wellbeing; and
- WHEREAS:** We are committed to advancing equitable, responsive, and effective prevention initiatives that address barriers and build on the resilience of Oregon’s communities to ensure all children and families are healthy and thriving; and
- WHEREAS:** We recognize the need to prioritize children and invest in robust prevention strategies like home visiting, childcare and early education, family-strengthening policies, economic supports, social justice initiatives, access to housing, health, and mental health care, and community-based child abuse prevention programs at all levels of government; and
- WHEREAS:** We acknowledge that in order to solve the public health issue of abuse and neglect we must work together to change hearts and mindsets through storytelling and sharing, elevating lived experience, centering the needs of families, breaking down bias and barriers, and inspiring action from expected and unexpected partners in prevention; and
- WHEREAS:** Prevention is possible when we are working in partnership across disciplines, generations, and geography to address the root causes of violence and abuse and collectively build a sustainable system to advance child and family wellbeing.

**NOW,**

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

**CHILD ABUSE 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, March 28, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State