

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Everyone has the right to safe and healthy relationships, and to be free from abuse; and
- WHEREAS:** Young people are experts in their own experiences, and leaders in identifying strategies, tools, and resources, which will best help them be healthy and safe; and
- WHEREAS:** Teens who experience violence in dating relationships are more likely to experience depression, disordered eating, disruptions to learning, and school participation, increased risk of substance use challenges, social isolation, and suicidal thoughts or actions; and
- WHEREAS:** Black youth, Indigenous youth, youth of color, youth with disabilities, and 2SLGBTQIA+ youth in Oregon's schools experience higher rates of violence and abuse due to systemic oppression like racism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, ableism, ageism, adultism, sexism, and many other forms of oppression; and
- WHEREAS:** By following the lead of young people in Oregon to develop and implement inclusive and liberatory policies, protocols, and education about violence prevention, anti-oppression, healthy relationships, and healthy sexuality, we can help young people heal from and prevent dating violence and other forms of violence and abuse before they ever occur.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim February 2026 to be

HEALTHY YOUTH RELATIONSHIPS 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 January 28, 2026.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tina Kotek'.

Tina Kotek, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tobias Read'.

Tobias Read, Secretary of State