

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Oregon’s goal is to be a national leader in building healthy environments free from violence and abuse in which all youth can thrive by providing the necessary physical, emotional, educational, and social support; and

WHEREAS: We are committed to building upon what is recognized nationally as “Sex Education for All month” and in Oregon as “Youth Sexual Health Awareness Month”; and

WHEREAS: The Oregon Youth Sexual Health Partnership, a coalition of community organizations and state/local government, work collaboratively to support Oregon’s vision of healthy youth, families, and communities, through the promotion of shared, just, equitable, and holistic sexual health and well-being; and

WHEREAS: Shared sexual health and well-being involves both individual & collective responsibility to work towards the future well-being of individuals and communities in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: To be just, sexual health must be informed by the people that are served, by lived experience, and by a historical lens to understand oppression and the intersection with education and health promotion; and

WHEREAS: These efforts must include the tenets of reproductive justice, be LGBTQ+ inclusive, representative, culturally and linguistically responsive, evidence-informed, and factually accurate; and

WHEREAS: Equitable sexual health and well-being includes services, education, and materials that meet the needs of the people accessing them, as defined by these populations. Holistic sexual health promotes whole person health, agency, autonomy, skills, and is affirming.

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

SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOR ALL AND YOUTH SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS 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 April 30, 2026.



Handwritten signature of Tina Kotek in black ink.

Tina Kotek, Governor

Handwritten signature of Tobias Read in black ink.
Tobias Read, Secretary of State