

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon has suffered considerable damage from moderate earthquake events in the past, including the 1993 Scotts Mills and Klamath Falls earthquakes and a deadly tsunami from Alaska in 1964; and
- WHEREAS:** Scientific evidence indicates that the State of Oregon is at risk for a much larger event associated with the Cascadia Subduction Zone that is expected to generate strong ground shaking and a destructive tsunami, similar to the event that occurred in Northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon enacted laws in 1995 and 2001 that require schools, state and local agencies, and large private employers to instruct and drill students and employees on emergency procedures such as those related to earthquakes and tsunami; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon enacted laws in 2001 that require schools and emergency facilities to meet seismic life safety standards, and in 2002 enacted laws that will provide state bond funds to help mitigate high risk schools and emergency facilities; and
- WHEREAS:** Natural hazard mitigation planning and grant funding at the state, Tribal and local level reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters through risk assessment and mitigation actions which include seismic strengthening of existing buildings and public education on local tsunami evacuation routes;
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM), within its role as chair of the Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (IHMT), will be working with IHMT member agencies, federal partners, local jurisdictions, and neighboring states to highlight jurisdictional earthquake and tsunami mitigation strategies and provide education and information about individual preparedness for Oregon residents and visitors throughout the month of February.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim February 2025 to be

EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI 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, January 21, 2025.

Tina Kotek

Tina Kotek, Governor

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Tobias Read, Secretary of State



