

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon is committed to ensuring the safety of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS: Last year, there were 2,518 Oregon home fires, resulting in \$119.5 million in losses to homeowners; and

WHEREAS: Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in Oregon, followed by home heating and in 417 home fires, no smoke alarm was present; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence and severity of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention education; and

WHEREAS: Oregonians should always practice cooking and heating fire safety at home by taking reasonable precautions like never leaving cooking unattended and plugging heaters directly into the wall; and

WHEREAS: The 2024 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Celebrate fire safety!" serves to educate the public about the importance of preventing home fires.

NOW,

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

FIRE 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, September 19, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State