

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition; and

WHEREAS: Significant inequities exist for children from Tribal, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, immigrant, refugee, and LGBTQIA2S+ communities, as well as those with disabilities or limited English proficiency, often resulting in many young people not being able access to the mental health services and supports they need to thrive. Good mental health involves addressing and finding solutions to issues caused by racism and systemic exclusion and inequities for families; and

WHEREAS: Research has shown that early identification of mental health conditions, community support for children and families, and awareness of available supports and access provide better opportunities for youth with mental health conditions to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS: Children and youth with mental health conditions and their families benefit from services and supports that are affirming, family-driven, youth-guided and culturally and linguistically responsive; they also benefit from the integration of mental health in primary care, education, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS: It is important that children and youth, along with their families and communities, talk about prevention, protective factors and warning signs of mental health conditions, and how to obtain necessary support and treatment; and

WHEREAS: Good mental health is a key component of a child's healthy development, and Children's Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter, while celebrating the resilience and accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 1 – 7, 2022** to be

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

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 13, 2022.



Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

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Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State