

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics invites Oregonians to observe Malnutrition Awareness week and support actions to prevent, identify, educate, treat, and report disease-related malnutrition; and
- WHEREAS:** Nutrition is a fundamental need and a social determinant of health, and malnutrition is intensified by disparities, inequities, and social isolation and is further compounded by food insecurity; and
- WHEREAS:** Disease-related malnutrition often goes undetected but is prevalent among vulnerable populations at any age or body weight, including low-income individuals, communities of color, those with chronic illness; and
- WHEREAS:** Disease-related malnutrition impacts patient health outcomes, leading to higher infection rates, poor wound healing, longer lengths of stay, and higher frequency of readmission, and is associated with increased health costs; and
- WHEREAS:** Action in all settings of care creates opportunities for self-management education and outpatient interventions to reduce or prevent hospital admissions and readmissions, reduce post-discharge services, and enables people to remain more independent at home; and
- WHEREAS:** The Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics joins the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition in recognizing Malnutrition Awareness Week and to raise awareness around the important steps that can be taken to prevent and treat disease-related malnutrition.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim September 14 to 18, 2026 to be

MALNUTRITION 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 August 18, 2026

Tina Kotek

Tina Kotek, Governor

Tobias J. Read

Tobias Read, Secretary of State