

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Problem gambling is a public health concern impacting Oregonians of all ages and backgrounds in all communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Gambling impacts are recognized at the individual, family and friends, community, and society levels. Gambling problems drive up health care costs and contribute to societal problems such as houselessness, bankruptcy, and loss of productivity; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon is dedicated to reducing the negative effects of gambling through balanced policies and an effective problem gambling services system providing targeted prevention, education and awareness programs, counseling, and recovery support services; and
- WHEREAS:** There are established connections between problem gambling and other addictions and suicide; and
- WHEREAS:** Thousands of Oregonians have successfully sought free counseling and treatment, are in recovery, and have benefited from the expertise of professionals in the behavioral health field; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians are encouraged to not only recognize the signs of gambling disorders, but to reach out and support friends and family members struggling with problem gambling with a message of help and hope.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 29, 2024** to be

**PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS DAY**

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 29, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State