

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oceans cover more than 70% of the earth's surface and are critical to life on our planet, providing over half of the world's oxygen to regulate our global climate; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's coastal and marine ecosystems are incredibly productive, providing habitat for an abundance of fish and wildlife and serving as a critical economic driver for our coastal communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Coastal sovereign Tribal nations have stewarded ocean and coastal places since time immemorial and maintain deep cultural and historical connections to the Oregon coast; and
- WHEREAS:** Our ocean ecosystems are under threat from climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss, and overexploitation of marine resources. Ocean ecosystem services offer opportunities to help address the global climate crisis through carbon sequestration, and mitigate climate hazards such as flooding, ocean acidification, and shoreline erosion; and
- WHEREAS:** The Biden-Harris Administration set a goal to conserve 30% of our nation's lands and waters by 2030 through the America the Beautiful Initiative; and
- WHEREAS:** We believe in a future where Oregon's coastal and marine ecosystems are thriving with abundant resources for generations of Oregonians.


NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **June 8th, 2024** to be

World Oceans 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, May 30th, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor



LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State

