

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

- WHEREAS:** Oral health is an essential part of overall health, and good oral health habits start in childhood; and
- WHEREAS:** Dental cavities, also called caries or tooth decay, is the most common chronic disease in children; and
- WHEREAS:** Dental cavities can be prevented when children brush twice daily using toothpaste with fluoride, floss between their teeth daily, use fluoride, eat a diet low in sugary foods and drinks, and visit a dentist regularly; and
- WHEREAS:** Parents and caregivers can teach children about oral hygiene and support behaviors that encourage good oral health; and
- WHEREAS:** We can all promote healthy environments in which children have access to oral health education and the tools to prevent dental cavities.

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

**OREGON CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH 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, February 6, 2024.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek, Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LaVonne Griffin-Valade".

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State