

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** An estimated 1.2 million people are living with HIV and AIDS in the United States, including an estimated 9,100 in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians have access to a variety of tools to help prevent the spread of HIV, including condoms, lubricant, PrEP (a daily pill to prevent infection), and syringe exchange; and
- WHEREAS:** Early diagnosis of HIV helps to save lives and prevent new infections; care and treatment helps those living with HIV lead longer and healthier lives; and there is no risk of HIV transmission sexually from a person living with HIV who maintains an undetectable viral load through antiretroviral therapy; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon stands with communities throughout the world in recognizing the need to remember those who have died from HIV/AIDS and to challenge judgments and myths about HIV that prevent people from getting tested and accessing lifesaving treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Through the End HIV Oregon initiative, the Oregon Health Authority and community partners are working to end new HIV infections in the state, ensure that Oregonians living with HIV are healthy, and address health disparities that lead to HIV disproportionately impacting communities of color.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **December 1, 2021** to be

WORLD AIDS 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, October 25, 2021.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shemia Fagan". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State