

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Since its inception in May 1965, thanks to previous bipartisan support from every US President, Head Start has a proven track record and long-standing reputation of sixty years of transformative results, helping children succeed regardless of income or zip code; and
- WHEREAS:** Head Start has provided health, nutritional, educational, and social services to nearly 40 million children and their families helping to build a healthier, freer, and fairer America, by giving every child a real shot and “a Head Start” in life regardless of circumstances at birth; and
- WHEREAS:** Head Start strives to ensure family engagement and leadership throughout the program to achieve strong child outcomes; children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs are more likely to have positive long-term benefits such as better health, increased high school graduation rates, and higher employment; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1987, Oregon established the state funded Oregon Pre-Kindergarten program, (now Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten) and later expanded to offer prenatal to age three programming modeled after the successful federal Early Head Start and Head Start program supporting eligible children and their families in all 36 Oregon counties; and
- WHEREAS:** This momentous milestone achieved over the last six decades of results, illustrates Head Start’s undeniable positive impact for good to millions of families, and signifies that Head Start continues to be a national success story in helping to break the generational cycles of poverty by providing families access to early education supports, and in creating brighter futures for communities across America.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 18, 2025 to be

HEAD START’S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

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 April 17, 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tobias J. Read".

Tobias Read, Secretary of State